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CAB members defend themselves against angry community members.

Flyer expounds racial stereotypes

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A flyer distributed around campus on Saturday, February 17 enraged the Hamilton community with what many felt was a racist and classist message. The flyer was intended as a advertisement for the raggae band SWAMMP and was endorsed by the Campus Avtivities Board.

One side of the flyer was an advertisement for the concert. The second side, headed *East L.A. Math Proficiency Test* contained word problems using stereotypes of minorities as their subject. The problems made references to drug trades, welfare and car theft.

Initial student reaction to the flyer was confusion. "When I first picked up the flyer, I didn't know what to think," said Matt Bendle '97, "It wasn't very funny, and I thought it was strange that CAB had published this kind of thing." Initial confusion soon turned to anger for many community members.

Due to community outrage, C.A.B. held meetings on Monday and Wednesday in order to deal with the fallout of the weekend flyer. The results of the meetings were that the executive board of CAB as well as the individual who published the flyer in the name of the organization took resposibility for their actions. Against the advise of faculty advisors, Brian Touhey '96 admitted to placing the inflammatory messages on the back of the flyer. In the Wednesday meeting Touhey resigned from the executive board.

The extent of the community outrage was evident at the heated Wednesday meeting. Several students and faculty directed critisizm towards the CAB board and Touhey. The debate reached a climax when Instructor of History Dorsey-Ward told Touhey he was wrong for printing the flyers and without waiting for a response, quickly left the room.

Another member of the faculty called for CAB to redistribute the flyer to the campus, this time containing comments pointing out all the misconceptions, stereotypes and wrongs contained within.

While some community members feel that this is an isolated case of ignorance, many point out that this is a larger problem, a symptom of an insensitive, and uneducated campus. "Because we are so isolated," said Maggie Lower '98, "we don't always realize, or consider the subtle differences between ourselves." This is not the first time turmoil has resulted after incidents on campus have made light of minority issues, the most infamous of these actions being the inflatable doll thrown on the ice at the opening game of the 1994-1995 hockey season

Year of the Rat is Celebrated

Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the Asian Cultural Society, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature sponsored a celebration of the 1996 Lunar New Year.

"Tet Celebration" was the theme of this year's Lunar New Year party, which was attended by over 250 community members. Tet is the Vietnamese celebration of the New Year, and this year's celebration was given more of a Vietnamese atmosphere, complete with Vietnamese dancers, singers and food.

The evening started off with Ancestor Worship, led by native Vietnamese Sivan Lam '98. A moment of silence was held to honor past ancestors along with fruit, flowers and incense which were placed atop an alter. This was followed with entertainment by the San France De Selles Dance Troupe. The dance troupe performed a number of traditional Vietnamese fan dances for the audience and played a few songs using instruments native to Vietnam.

Hamilton students also got involved in the entertainment program for the evening. ACS members performed the traditional and tricky, "Pan Dance." This involved balancing plates on their hands, while at the same time dancing and flipping the plates. Native Malaysian Philip Poh '96, sang popular Chinese songs and a fashion show of traditional Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Sri Lankan festival attire was also held. The evening wrapped up with a DJ'd dance party, which mixed techno, disco and Canto-pop (Chinese dance music).

Said ACS member Ravi Kumar '98 about the event, "The Asian New Year Tet Celebration was a successful attempt to celebrate and incorporate a variety of Asian cultures that are represented both here on campus and in the United States. The large turnout by students and faculty is testament to this college's commitment to both Asian Studies and multi-culturalism. I was please by the campus-wide support for the event and I hope this will set a precedent for future multicultural events on campus."

The passing of the New Lunar Year heralds the passing of the Year of the Pig, and welcomes in the Year of the Rat. There are twelve animals celebrated during the Lunar New Year — Rat, Monkey, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Ox, Dog, Cock and Pig. Each animal has its own special personality and ten-

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Hubbub in the Pub
Fight sends students to the J-Board

By Tom Ayres '98
STAFF WRITER

The serenity of the two week-old Little Pub was shattered Saturday night when two students were involved in an altercation a few minutes after midnight.

According to witnesses at the scene the incident began as verbal assaults in the hall of the first floor, escalating into a shoving match between the two students (their names have been withheld pending their Judicial Board hearing) and the concerned onlookers. The scuffle was then broken up by the student employees and Linda Muller, the manager of the Pub, took the first student outside to talk in an attempt to ascertain the cause of the arguement.

Security arrived a few minutes later and went inside the Pub to control the crowd inside and prevent any possible escalation of violence. While Ms. Muller continued to talk with the first student, a second student came out of the door, struck the first in the face, and left the scene. "I was trying to get answers from the kid, then the next thing I know the door flew open, and boom, another student socked him in the face," said Ms. Muller. "The whole thing happened in a few seconds."

Pat Ingals, the Director of Campus Security, arrived a the Pub at 12:30 am, and upon hearing rumors that certain groups were planning to retaliate for the incident, proceeded to the Delta Upsilon semi-formal being held in the North Court and advised them "not to aggravate the situation." She encountered the injured student, a brother in the fraternity, who refused treatment, and decided to go home a short time later.

The incident occurred exactly a week after the Theta Delta Chi party in Bundy Dining Hall, at which a number of altercations were broken up before any serious injuries. According to Ms. Ingals, the contracted

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Gates speaks, students listen

Special to the *Spectator*

Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. delivered a lecture entitled "Harlem on Our Minds: On Race and Class in America," to a packed audience in the Chapel yesterday afternoon. His hour long-address focused on black artists in the 20th century and contemporary issues facing America's black population.

"Never before have so many black artists achieved so much success in so many fields," said Gates. "Blacks now have a cultural and institutional presence they have never had before in history."

Noting that many of society's most prestigious awards have gone to blacks in recent years, he said, "You name it, we've won it."

The W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of Humanities and chair of the Afro-American Studies department at Harvard University, Gates is a leading expert on African-American oral and literary traditions.

Gates has authored books including Figures in Black: Words, Signs, and the 'Racial' Self, and The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism for which he won the American Book Award in 1989. He also wrote the cover story, The Black Renaissance, for Time magazine in 1994.

Gates described three periods

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Across the 'Net, a day of democracy

By Jacob M. Stetser '98
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"Netizens" yesterday strung together an ambitious collection of personal essays and web pages united against the CDA, as part of the 24 Hours of Democracy project.

24 Hours of Democracy, first conceived by programmer Dave Winer, was loosely modeled on the "24 Hours in Cyberspace" project which took place on February 8. On that same day, President Clinton signed a sweeping Telecommunications Act which contained the controversial piece of legislation known as the CDA.

"Easily the most reviled piece of legislation in cyberspace," said Michael Lemonick of *Time* magazine, the CDA is a "provision that would strip from online communications the First Amendment guarantees that protect the written and spoken word."

A release from the organizers of the 24 Hours protest stated, "Section 502 of the Telecommunications Act makes it a criminal offense to make, create, solicit, or initiate the transmission of any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent, with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass another person."

Concerned netizens across the world busily prepared essays, which were logged in by a server at America Online's web site from 12:01 a.m. on Thursday until 11:59 that same day. Participants of the protest then linked the thousands of pages together through *previous* and *next* links on the each page. A World Wide Web indexing service, the Webcrawler, then made a special run through the pages in the 24 Hours of Democracy database.

On his page, Andrew Taylor urged Americans to fight the CDA. He wrote, "I am a South African, and know all about censorship...I've spent enough time in jail, for my posters, to know about freedom."

"Even within the 'ugliest' and 'darkest' of ideas, and the most questionable of sources, the light of truth can be found," said Brian Poulter, "laws like the Decency Act , part of the Telecommunication act, are among the most obscene and indecent things a society can produce; a vehicle that will quell, by its very existence, the process by which truth may be discovered."

By 4 p.m. EST, just over halfway through the twenty-four hours, several hundred essays had been registered with America Online and participants were busy chaining the registered pages together.

As the effort carried on into the afternoon hours on Thursday, the computing giant Microsoft announced that even Bill Gates, the multi-billionaire head of the company, submitted an essay against the CDA. He wrote, "The Bill of Rights is the foundation on which our nation is built. The Internet is an enormously valuable place in which those rights must continue to thrive. Both . . . are potentially fragile. Mess with either of them too much, and we might ruin them."

The effort signifies, in many ways, the fierce independence of the Internet. Although originally conceived of by the Defense Department as a resource that would remain intact even through nuclear bombardment, the Internet has grown to include more than a hundred nationalities in some form.

The people who use the Internet generally abide by common-law ethics which generally govern interactions between reasonable people. The occasional misuses of Internet resources receive swift response, often in floods of e-mail or calls to the abuser's Service Provider.

This sense of autonomy and the fantastic amount of information available on the Internet has produced a sense of independence and detachment from the reaches of government intervention. Those few who use the Internet for genuine criminal intent are reviled by "Netizens"; most often, Internet users will cooperate with authorities to apprehend true criminals.

The 24 Hours of Democracy project is only part of a multi-pronged effort to defeat the CDA. The law firm of Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn filed a complaint in U.S. District Court almost immediately after the Telecommunications Act was signed. The firm previously litigated the landmark freedom of speech suit popularly referred to as the "seven dirty words case." Early Thursday morning it was revealed that several powerful online service companies, software producers and publishers plan to file a separate suit against the CDA within a few days.

Apparition or not, Buchanan takes NH

By Matt Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Though still considered a long shot by most political analysts, Pat Buchanan handed a stunned senator Bob Dole a loss in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday. Steve Forbes suffered a severe setback winning only 12% of the vote. This loss was particularly stunning for the business man because early polls had shown him ahead of Dole. Former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander quietly garnered a hefty 23% of the New Hampshire voters, just three and four percentage points behind Dole and Buchanan respectively.

The New Hampshire Primary, however insignificant in the number of delegates (16) it sends to the convention, has long been a reliable test in election years. Of the last twelve presidents elected 11 of those 12 were victorious in New Hampshire, President Clinton being the exception finishing second in 1992. However the closeness of the three candidates, Dole, Alexander, and Buchanan, the future of the Republican nomination will likely be uncertain in the coming months.

The closeness of the race has also begun to threaten the unity of the Republican party. The stratification and separation of republicans, between self-described "moderates" to those who consider themselves "very conservative." The benefits for the Democrats, specifically the incumbent president, could be tremendous if the Republican party were to fracture among the three candidates vying for the nomination.

Buchanan is facing heavy fire from other Republicans who take exception to what they call his "isolationist tendencies." Buchanan's plans for the nation in the international arena include a 10% tariff on all goods imported from Japan, as well as repealing NAFTA and ignoring the GATT treaty. All of which has struck a chord with many voters in areas suffering from unemployment or economic recessions. Buchanan's targeting of jobs as a major campaign issue has brought many voters out to support him so far, but many political analysts see his current popularity as an abheration that will soon dissapate.

Meanwhile Dole's campaign in the midwest and west seems to be gaining steam and reinvigorating itself following the humbling loss in New Hampshire. Possibly turning his focus from attack ads against both Forbes and Alexander, Dole may look to push a message of leadership and political know-how. Buchanan's victory in New Hampshire has given the senior Senator a new sense of direction and a new fuel for his campaign fire. "We are trying to save the Republican party," were Dole's words as he spoke in South Dakota, claiming that Buchanan's rhetoric and the division of the party could destroy it.

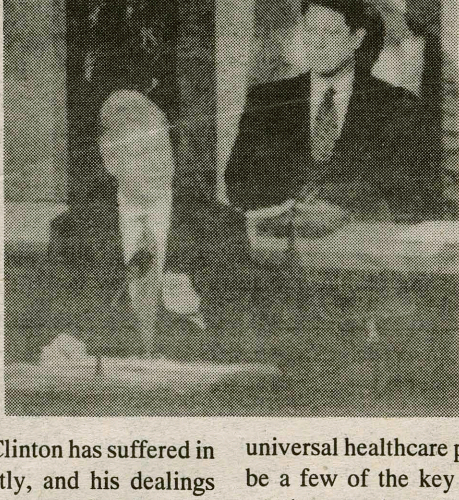
Alexander continues to drive his cleancut and mud-slinging-free image with voters, who he hopes will be tired of the political attacks mounted by the other candidates. The southerner also is focusing on the issue of electability against Clinton, an area he claims to have a distinct advantage over Forbes, Buchanan, and Dole. Alexander stated that he expects the Buchanan victory "to wake up the party," and force them to look for someone they can nominate.

In the next week there are five primaries, including the Dakotas, and the first significant western primary to be held in Arizona. Forbes and Dole appear to be the leaders in polls of Arizona voters, but some predict that Buchanan could pull off another upset on Tuesday. Dole's absence from a debate tonight could hurt his chances in the southwestern state, as some voters may see it as "some kind of a snub."

Candidate Profile

Bill Clinton

Party: Democrat
Age: 49
Hometown: Little Rock, AK
Education: Georgetown, B.S.F.S. (1968); Oxford University, Rhodes Scholar (1968-1970); Yale University, J.D. (1973)
Current Job: President of the United States
Philosophy: Moderate
Past Political History: Governor of Arkansas (1971-1981 and 1982-1993)
Pet Issue: Americorps



Bits and Bytes: While Clinton has suffered in the polls recently, and his dealings with the Whitewater affair have been questioned, the prospects for re-election remain high. The current division in the Republican Party, as well as the possible lack of an electable candidate on the Republican ticket leave lots of room for Clinton to slip in for a second term. The lack of challengers among the Democrats has provided Clinton with an easy path, Republicans quarreling amongst themselves have touched little on the current president. The economic recovery which took place during his first term, held against the failure of the universal healthcare proposals could be a few of the key debates of the coming months.

-compiled by Matt Nolan '98

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News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Scott Kocher '97

Student faces charges for slaughtering goose

A University of Nevada student has been charged with three misdemeanors after murdering a hapless Canadian goose last weekend. Gabriel Knox tried to feed a candy bar to the goose early Saturday morning while on his way back home after being out all night Friday. The goose allegedly latched onto his hand after Knox offered the bird a tasty morsel. While trying to dislodge the animal, Knox struck the bird with his free hand, inflicting fatal injuries. Knox then carried the dead goose, whose neck had been broken, back to his dorm room, out of pity for having killed it. Knox was described by witnesses as being "wasted" the night he murdered the bird. He is charged with waste of game bird, unlawful hunting out of season, and possession of wildlife after open season. The case is still under investigation by campus police.

Syracuse University first school in US to celebrate Muslim holiday

Syracuse University closed its doors Monday in honor of the Islamic celebration of Eid-al-Fitr, the last day of the month of Ramadan. Syracuse is the first university in the United States to recognize Eid-al-Fitr as a holiday.

"Muslims started to push for the recognition of Eid-al-Fitr since 1992 when a five-year calendar was discussed at Syracuse," said Misha'al Al-Kadhi, graduate student in computer engineering at Syracuse. After many meetings between the Muslim, Christian and Jewish chaplains on campus, and many drawn-out discussions, letters and meetings, it was decided to include Eid-al-Fitr in the 1995-99 Syracuse calendar.

Although Eid-al-Fitr started Tuesday, Syracuse chose Monday because the decision was made earlier and Eid-al-Fitr is not declared until a crescent is seen the night before.

Another problem Muslims at Syracuse faced was the Friday prayer which is mandatory in Islam. Some Muslim students had to attend classes during the Friday prayer time.

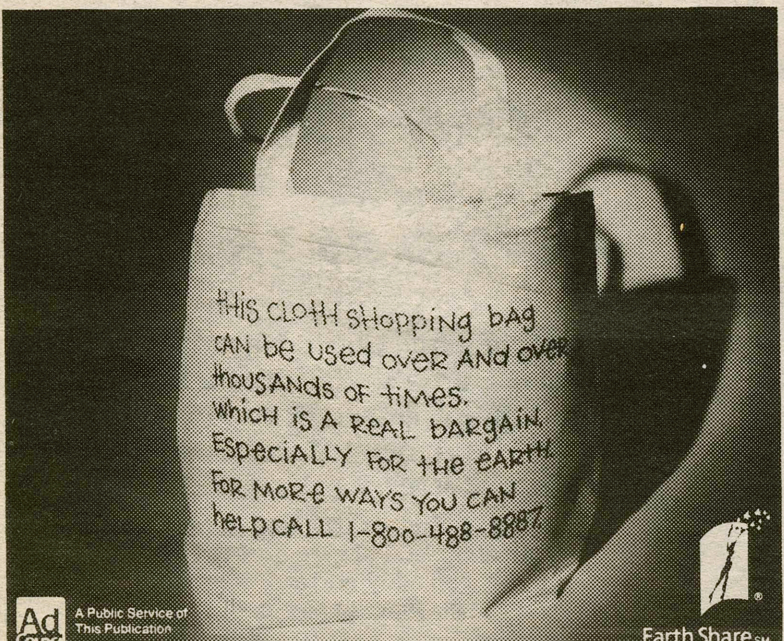
"Depriving Muslims from this celebration is similar to asking a Christian to take mid-term exams during Christmas day," Al-Kadhi said.

Federal Court strikes down Alabama law against gays on campus

Federal judges struck down an Alabama law which banned lesbian and gay groups and positive discussions of gay issues form university campuses on January 29, saying the statute violated constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and association.

Judge Myron H. Thompson of the U.S. District Court in Montgomery invalidated the statute as wholly unenforceable, calling it "naked viewpoint discrimination" and an "open effort by the state legislature to limit the sexuality discussion in institutions of higher learning to only one viewpoint: that of heterosexual people. This viewpoint limitation violates the First Amendment."

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union brought the legal challenge on behalf of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance at the University of South Alabama, a state school in Mobile. The group, which aims to create a supportive environment for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, as well as to foster discussion about homophobia and AIDS prevention, was denied funding and equal treatment because of a 1992 law forbidding public funds for any group "that promotes a lifestyle or actions prohibited by the sodomy and sexual misconduct laws" of Alabama.



News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Matt Winterroth '99

Israel's test launch a success

TEL AVIV, Israel - Israel's test launch of a U.S.-financed missile aimed to knock down incoming rockets was a success. The Arrow 2 missile was launched off Israel's Mediterranean coast at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday and destroyed itself a minute after the launch. The first successful test-launch of the missile was last July, Arrow's ability to intercept other missiles was not tested. Israel began developing the Arrow in 1988 with the United Sates, which as of last year had provided $461 million of the project's cost.

Mir passes 10-year mark in space

MOSCOW - Surpassing all expectations, the world's only functioning space station marked 10 years in orbit Tuesday and Russian officials hope to keep it aloft into the next century.

While space officials bragged about the Mir on Earth, two Russians and a German were thought to be holding their own quiet celebration in orbit somewhere over the Pacific Ocean.

"I suppose they will drink something," Valery Udaloi, deputy chief of flights at the mission control center, said of the three cosmonauts.

"Every cosmonaut has a private bag of personal things, and I presume they will open the bags and drink what they stashed away."

Mir's 10th anniversary was reached at 12:29 a.m. Moscow time (4:29 p.m. EST Monday). A Soviet rocket carrying the first module for the Mir blasted off Feb. 20, 1986, from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, on the steppes of Central Asia.

Still immersed in the Cold War, Soviet officials gave no size or weight of the mysterious station at the time, saying only that it contained six docking ports to accommodate visiting spacecraft or laboratory modules. Experts said it was only supposed to last until the early 1990s.

Now, an expanded Mir is the centerpiece of a space program badly in need of cash. Other countries have paid hundreds of millions of dollars to send their astronauts for months-long stays on the Mir.

With funding from NASA, which needs Russia's help in constructing an international space station, Moscow plans to keep Mir in orbit for another few years.

But the cramped and aging space station, which weighs more than 130 tons, has already endured power supply problems and needs frequent maintenance from its inhabitants.

Marcia Smith, a specialist in aerospace policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington, calls it "a stretch" to try to keep the Mir operating until the year 2000.

WHO confirms Ebola killed villagers in Gabon

GENEVA - The World Health Organization confirmed Monday the Ebola virus has killed 13 villagers in a remote part of the West African nation of Gabon. Seven more are infected and seven others are under surveillance as possible cases, the U.N. agency said. The people who died are believed to have contracted the disease after eating meat from a chimpanzee found dead in the forest, WHO said. Ebola, one of the deadliest viruses known to man, causes internal and external bleeding and is spread through bodily fluids. It kills up to 80% of those infected. There is no treatment and no cure.

Three dead as winter storm hits northwest Europe

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Blizzards plowed through northwestern Europe on Monday, causing hundreds of highway accidents and forcing more than a thousand motorists to abandon their cars on snow-clogged roads. The storms showed the contrast between countries accustomed to snow and those that are not: In Denmark, 6 feet fell in some places but there were no fatalities, while in the Netherlands, 4 inches of snow brought more than 500 car crashes and two deaths. In Britain, trees felled by high winds disrupted train and road traffic. A motorcyclist died after hitting a fallen tree near Iver, Buckinghamshire.

U.S. donates $500,000 to Costa Rica flood victims

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica - The U.S. government has donated $500,000 in emergency supplies to communities hard hit by flooding along Costa Rica's Atlantic coast, officials said Monday. Last week's heavy rains and subsequent flooding killed seven people and forced some 20,000 people to flee their homes. Authorities with Costa Rica's Commission for National Emergencies told reporters that the donated emergency supplies includes food, clothing and construction materials. The U.S. government also donated the use of three helicopters for rescue operations.

National News Briefs

--compiled by Matt Winterroth '99

Clemency denied for 'freeway killer'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Gov. Pete Wilson denied clemency Tuesday for condemned "freeway killer" William Bonin, convicted of murdering 14 boys and young men he picked up along roads. Wilson rejected claims by Bonin's attorneys that he did not receive a fair trial. Bonin, who had served time in prison and a mental hospital for assaulting boys, confessed to 21 murders. The victims, ranging from age 12 to 19, were sodomized, strangled or knifed, in one case stabbed with an ice pick, and dumped nude along highways. They say Bonin, who had been abused as a child, made false confessions to boost his ego. Former accomplices testified against Bonin in return for reduced sentences.

Fire killed eight of 11 dead in Maryland train crash

WASHINGTON - Eight of 11 people killed in the fiery crash of a commuter and an Amtrak passenger train died from flames and smoke, not from the impact of the crash, a medical examiner said Monday. The disclosure focused renewed interest on reports from survivors about jammed exit doors and windows aboard the commuter train. The collision punched a gaping hole into the locomotive's side and ruptured a fuel tank, and burning fuel oil engulfed in flames both the locomotive and the lead commuter car.

Baby boomer kids follow parents' footsteps to pot

NEW YORK - A new study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America shows teen-agers are increasingly tolerant of marijuana use. The tracking study, released Tuesday, shows 38% of teens have experimented with pot, the highest total in seven years. For the study, the Partnership polled 9,341 teen-agers, preteens and parents in 1995 about their attitudes toward drugs.

Christian nudists say they're 'not ashamed'

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. - A group of Christian nudists from around the country is planning a weekend retreat to live up to the Genesis verse ''naked and not ashamed." Jerry Love and wife Carol say they have already booked 60 reservations at their Whispering Pines family nudist resort. The Loves, who plan to make the gathering an annual event, say the conference will give Christian nudists a safe place to share their faith. "We're a very conservative group of Christians who just don't like to wear clothes,"

Argument results in fisticuffs

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security officers ejected about half a dozen partygoers. Nancy Thompson, the Associate Dean of Student, conceded that "the College has been having a serious problem with acts of physical violence, whether they be vandalism, sexual assault, or fighting," in the past few weeks.

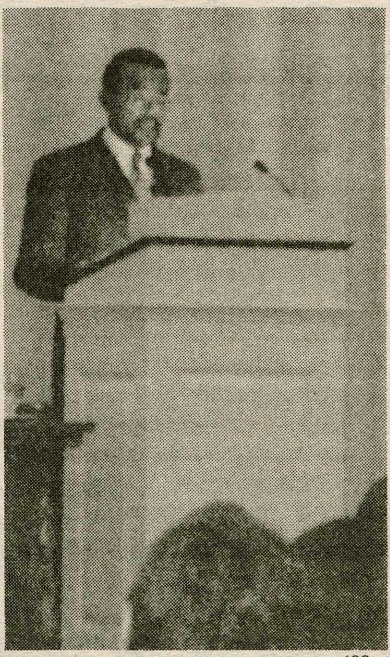
I feel that the Pub is a real privilige and I would not want to see students jeopardize that space through negative actions.
-Nancy Thompson
Associate Dean of Students

The Pub incident has been the subject of many rumors among the student body regarding the size and circumstances of the altercation. "Both the student body and the Administration has blown this way out of proportion, "said John Forbes '97, who was at the Pub on Saturday night. "Students who think they know what happened but really don't have made the situation worse, plus the school has turned a little squabble into a huge brawl, he said. "It's too bad this has to go before the J-Board."

Ms. Thompson, who is responsible for presenting all evidence to the Judicial Board, explained that it is the only effective way the school has to deal with violent acts. Comprised of eight elected student officers and three faculty members, the Board adjudicates student infractions of standards of conduct and rules not covered by the Honor Code.

When asked what of percentage of J-Board cases were alcohol related, Ms. Thompson gave some disturbing figures. "Last semester 100% of the cases directly or indirectly involved alcohol. This semester I estimate that percentage to be approximately 95%, "she said. "People need to realize that they make bad decisions when they're drunk."

Those statistics place Hamilton above the national college figures in which 80% of violent acts involve alcohol use or abuse. "The College needs to take a long, hard look at the alcohol policy," said Ms. Ingals. "My staff has been very these last two weekends and it's no secret that the majority of the incidents have occurred in areas where alcohol was being served."



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Gates addresses a full house.

New Year begins

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dencies, with Dragon considered the best, and Sheep considered the worst.

During the passing of the new year, parents traditionally give their children little red packets of money called, *Hong Bao*. Good luck character posters are put up on the doors and walls of homes to bring the household good luck and prosperity for the coming year. It is also considered good luck at this time of year to clean house—in essence, out with the old and in with the new.

When asked to comment on Asian Culture and the celebration of the New Year, Professor Hong Gang Jin of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature said, "It is very important that the Lunar New Year is celebrated on campus. There are a number of Asian students here at Hamilton and an increasing amount of students wishing to study East Asian languages. I feel that this sort of celebration can really help the Asian students celebrate their culture and diversity, while at the same time educating the community on the significance of the Lunar New Year."

The Asian Cultural Society was pleased with the turnout of this year's event and plans to celebrate the Lunar New Year next year, this time with a focus on Korean culture and customs.

Standing ovation for Gates

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of black artistic renaissance. The first dates to the beginning of the 20th century. The second, and perhaps the best known renaissance in which numerous black writers descended upon Harlem, occurred in the 1920's. A third renaissance lasted from the late 1960's into the early 1970's.

Each helped elevate the recognition and acceptance of blacks across the nation. Gates recalled the dark days of the early 20th century, when whites promoted black inferiority through literature, artistic works and other media. One postcard issued by the U.S. Postal Service during this time featured a picture of three black men being lynched.

The most recent renaissance of African-American culture, said Gates, traces its roots to 1987. In that year, playwright August Wilson's *Fences* opened on Broadway, Toni Morrison's award-winning novel *Beloved* was published, and PBS aired *Eyes on the Prize*, a documentary of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Accompanying this most recent black renaissance were T-shirts sporting slogans including, "'It's a black thing. You wouldn't understand,' and 'Black by popular demand.'"

Explaining why no one poked fun at the black art of the late 1960's and the early 1970's, Gates said, "We were afraid the Black Panthers would shoot us if we did."

Unlike in past eras when African-American culture thrived, Gates said, black artists no longer have to cater to an exclusively white audience and are free to tackle issues that affect them as blacks. He noted Morrison, who stated, "I am a black writer first, a writer second." A growing portion of Morrison's audience and those of other black artists is now black.

A larger number of blacks than ever before have entered the realms of the middle class. Record numbers now graduate from high school and college, and at institutions of higher educations, African Studies departments are facing record demands for their classes.

Nevertheless, Gates cautioned, "For African-Americans it is the best of times and it is the worst of times."

"A certain sense of precariousness haunts the [black] middle class," he said, noting that many in the middle class harbor a lasting fear that they are "only a few paychecks away from poverty."

In the question and answer session which followed, Gates addressed at length issues of affirmative action and the current political environment. He chastised Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan for his views on race and his call to end affirmative action programs which have helped lift many African-Americans into the middle class.

Describing the message Buchanan sends to blacks, Gates said, "I'm going to shake the tree and all you monkeys who hang on are welcome to stay."

He emphasized that despite black's artistic achievements of recent years, affirmative action is still necessary along with other programs to help give them the skills they need to successfully compete in the 21st century.

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Oil vs. human life: the tragic trade-off

By Scott D. Kocher
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On November 10, the Nigerian Military Government hanged the leader of a minority ethnic group for his actions in organizing a protest against Government exploitation of the indigenous Ogoni people. Ken Saro-Wiwa's trial by the Nigerian military dictatorship has been judged a complete farce by the international community, and his execution, considered to be a travesty of justice, has received worldwide media attention in recent months.

Many people in industrialized democracies have come to accept the rampant corruption and military dictatorships in third world countries as incurable ills. Although international support should be given to aid in the growth of democratic nations, most westerners have conceded that the road to democracy is a long and torturous one. What many people fail to recognize, however, is that industrialized nations prosper from the desperation of third world nations. Nigeria is a prime example.

The murder of Ken Saro-Wiwa was not an isolated incident between a government and its people. On the contrary, there is substantial evidence that Shell Oil, a British gasoline company, specifically asked the Nigerian Army to quell protests against Shell's environmental exploitation of oil-rich land in the Niger river delta. How Shell came to be involved in Nigeria's social turmoil of today is an unfortunate tale which bears witness to the inherent problems that arise when private industries invest in third world nations.

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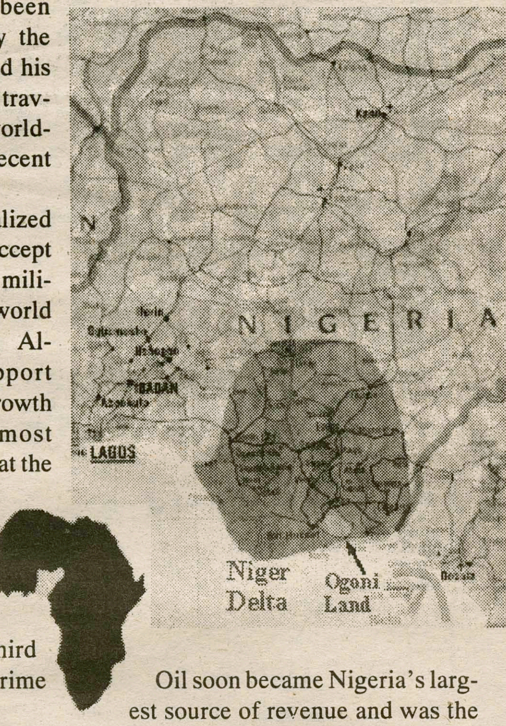
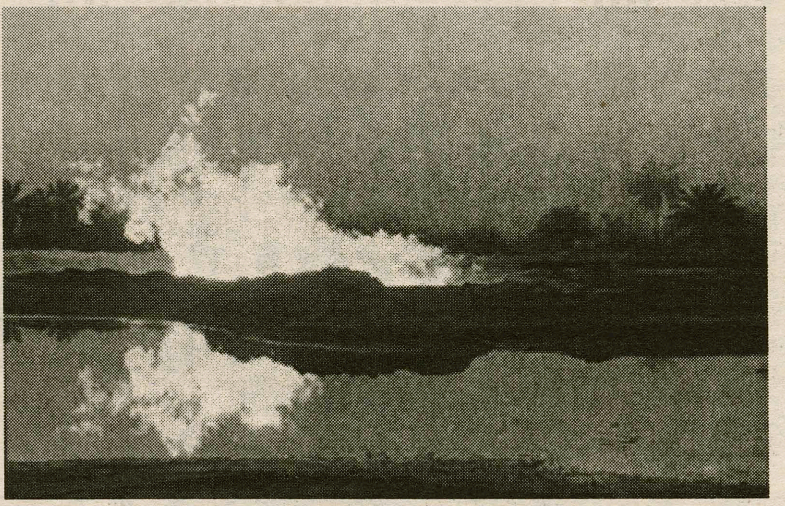
The Ogoni people of Nigeria have their lands in Rivers state, a 'breadbasket' region near the delta of the Niger river. This has historically been a fertile area, and consequently is highly populated. It is also the first place in Nigeria from which the Anglo/Dutch transnational Shell oil company started extracting oil in 1958. At that time, Nigeria was still a British colony.



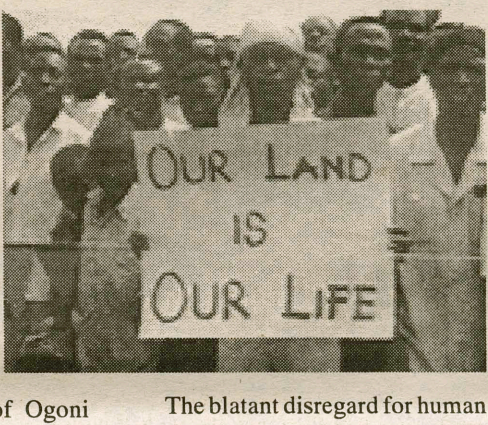
Oil soon became Nigeria's largest source of revenue and was the central issue in the Biafran civil war in 1967, when the oil rich eastern region tried to break away from Nigeria. The rebels surrendered in 1970 after 1 million people had died either through warfare or famine. Since the boom of the seventies, when oil exports earned 100 billion dollars, people from the oil-producing areas have seen money pouring from the delta into Lagos, where it has been concentrated in the hands of the military.

Resentment has grown towards Shell and other oil companies, which are regarded as being in league with the dictatorship. Shell, now one of the world's largest multinationals, accounts for 50% of Nigeria's daily oil production. Although 95% of Nigeria's foreign earnings come from oil, the Niger delta remains poor. Six million people depend on its fertile fishing grounds and agricultural land, which are under threat from oil pollution.



Shell has been exploiting the oil in Nigeria without consulting or compensating the Ogoni people, who are a minority, and thus have little political power. They are victims of oil spills, blowouts, and invasive pipe laying which cause heavy environmental damage. Shell has been ineffective in cleaning up oil spills, and as a result Ogoniland has lost its abundant fertility which until recently characterized the region.

In 1990, the Ogoni started to mobilize against the human and environmental injustice perpetrated upon them. They formed MOSOP, the Movement for Survival of Ogoni People, a peaceful resistance movement which attempted to highlight their plight, under the leadership of Ken Saro-Wiwa.


OUR LAND IS OUR LIFE

The response to MOSOP's protests has been brutal. Ogoniland is now sealed off under martial law. Hundreds of Ogoni have been murdered. Shell's role in the violence is significant — most brutalities against the Ogoni have happened after Shell expressed concern about perceived threats to the Nigerian government. When several major oil companies reported revenue losses due to "unfavorable conditions in the areas of operation," they called for urgent measures to combat the situation, including shooting "trouble-makers" if necessary. News of a military mobilization soon leaked out to the press.

A memo signed by Major Okuntimo of the Rivers State Internal Security Task Force, dated May 12, 1994, states: "Shell operations still impossible unless ruthless military operations are undertaken for smooth economic activities to commence." The document goes on to recommend the "wasting" of Ogoni leaders. Amnesty International has said that most Ogoni held by the military government are prisoners of conscience who have not used or advocated violence. They have been imprisoned because of their pro-democracy activities, their personal association with other defendants, or because they have published or distributed information about the injustice of the trials.

The blatant disregard for human rights that Shell Nigeria has displayed in its dealings with the Ogoni people show it to be two-sided in its international relations. The abuses that are perpetrated in Nigeria (directly in the form of spills and blowouts, and indirectly by the Nigerian government to protect Shell's interests) would be unacceptable in the countries where Shell sells most of its oil. While Shell International claims that its actions and those of Shell Nigeria are not linked, this is a transparent ploy to deny culpability. Shell profits have been built upon Ogoni suffering.

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The current situation in Nigeria can only be understood in relation to the background information given above. Ken Saro-Wiwa, a prolific writer, and publisher, was a popular leader of the 500,000 Ogoni people, leading an environmental campaign against the activities of the military government and oil companies, which have exploited his people.

In 1993, Saro-Wiwa and 300,000 Ogoni staged a peaceful mass protest against Shell Oil and its environmental destruction of Ogoni land. Soon after, a Shell worker was beaten, and Saro-Wiwa and others were subjected to continual military harassment. In April, 1993, during a protest against the construction of a pipeline in Ogoniland, the Nigerian military fired upon the protesters, wounding many.

Several weeks later, Saro-Wiwa was placed under house arrest and charged with sedition, then released. He was detained without legal recourse many times throughout the year. In May, 1994, Saro-Wiwa and eight others were finally tried in a Government military tribunal and sentenced to death by hanging for their supposed involvement in the murder of four pro-Government leaders. The prominent leader and advocate of the Ogoni people was executed on November 10, 1995, despite impassioned pleas for clemency from the international community.

Such a flagrant abuse of power by a private corporation has brought international condemnation upon both Shell and Nigeria's Government. Various human rights and environmental groups are planning a worldwide boycott of Shell's gasoline. Even the United States has threatened economic sanctions against Nigeria. These actions, however, will come far too late to save Ken Saro-Wiwa. Although industrialized nations purport to condemn human rights violations and upport the proliferation of democracy, the lives of people like the Ogoni continue to be discarded for the sake of modern industrialized societies. As long as profits continue to be built on the blood of innocent people, justice can never be served.

> **"I am a man of peace, of ideas. Appalled by the denigrating poverty of my people who live on a richly endowed land, distressed by their political marginalization and economic strangulation, angered by the devastation of their land, and anxious to preserve their right to life and to a decent living, I have devoted my intellectual and material resources, my very life, to a cause in which I have total belief and from which I cannot be blackmailed or intimidated. I have no doubt at all about the ultimate success of my cause, no matter the trials and tribulations which I and those who believe with me may encounter on our journey. Neither imprisonment nor death can stop our ultimate victory." -- Ken Saro-Wiwa, in his closing statement to the Nigerian military tribunal.**

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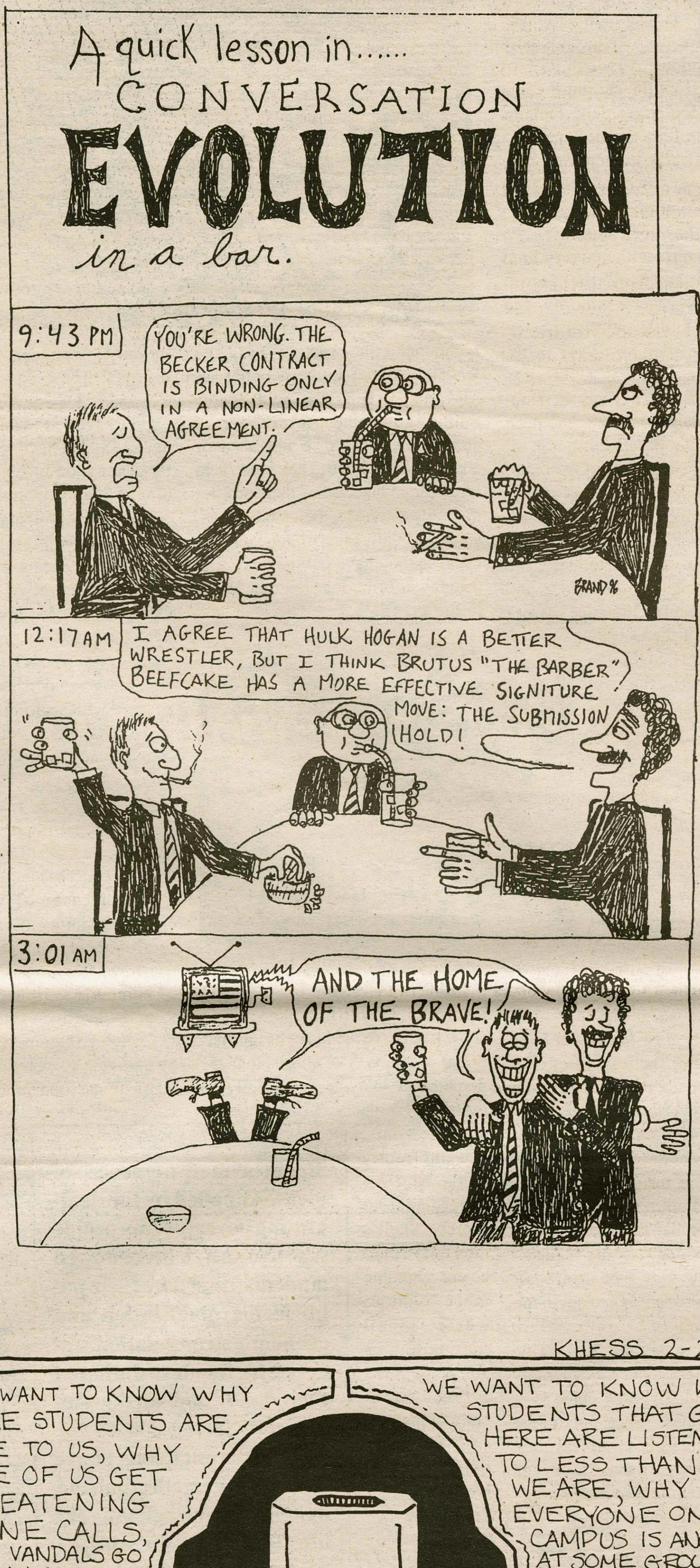
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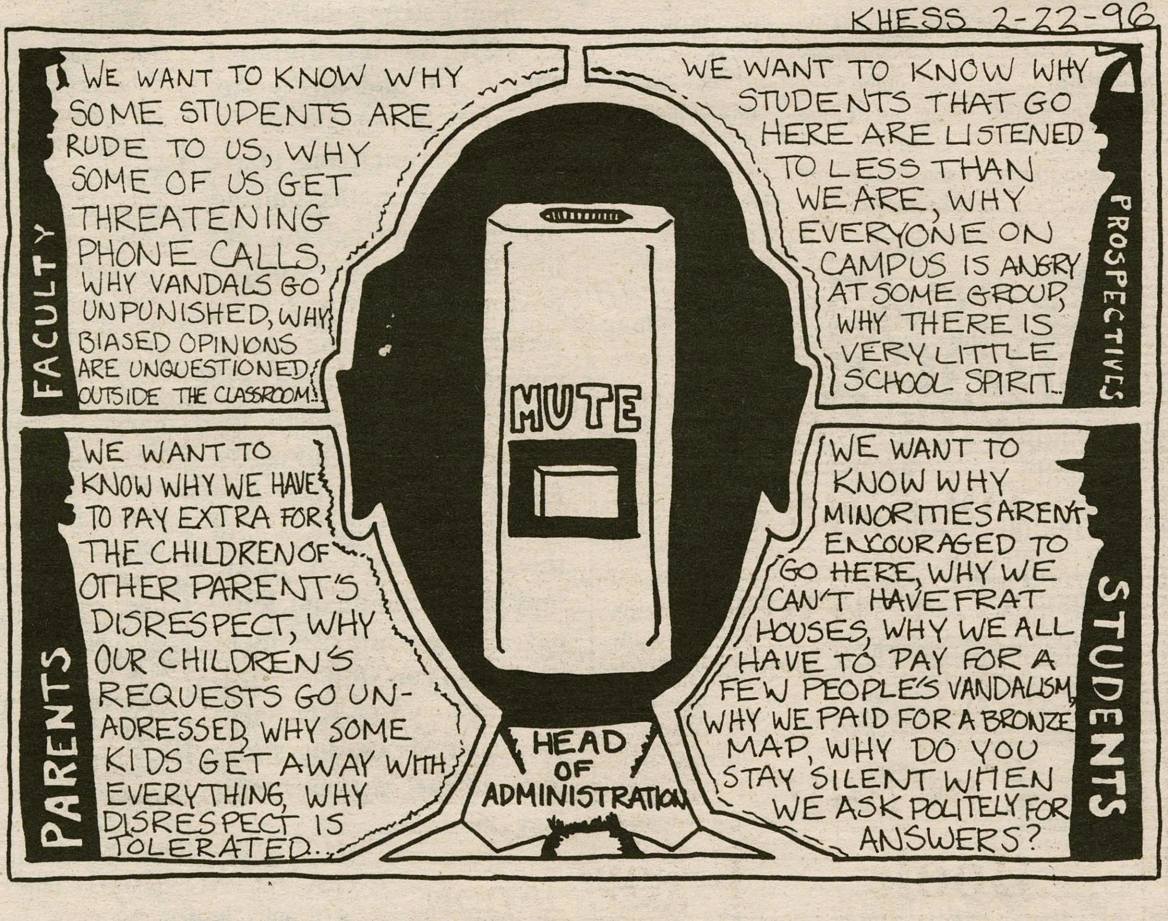
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SECURITY BLOTTER

Security Office

-compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Wednesday February 14

1:56 a.m.: Hamilton Security received a called about a fire alarm in South.

11:10 a.m.: An alcohol policy was violated in Milbank residence hall. Security found an illegal keg in the dorm.

Thursday February 15

2:00 p.m.: A medical emergency was reported in Commons Dining Hall.

4:12 p.m.: Security received a call about vandalism in Dunham. A door was damaged in the dorm.

Saturday February 17

2:30 a.m.: A report of a medical emergency in a residence hall was called in to security.

11:16 a.m.: A resident of a dorm called security about a medical emergency.

4:44 p.m.: Hamilton Security received another call of a medical emergency.

Sunday February 18

12:07 a.m.: An assault at the Little Pub was reported.

12:28 a.m.: A fire alarm in Dunham notified security to check out the problem.

2:27 a.m.: Hamilton Security received a noise complaint in Dunham.

2:40 a.m.: Security received a call about a fire alarm in Dunham. The fire alarm was tampered with and set off the alarm.

2:45 a.m.: A medical emergency was reported.

Hamilton Security answered a call about disorderly conduct.

3:00 a.m.: Lawn damage at Griffin Road was reported.

4:16 a.m : A call about vandalism in Dunham basement was called in.

8:30 a.m.: An security alarm notified security of a problem in Beinecke. A custodian set off the intruder alarm in Beneicke.

Monday February 19

11:15 a.m : A case of larceny was reported to security.

1:00 p.m : A call of a motor vehicle accident on the South side of campus was received.

4:17 p.m : Hamilton Security received a call about a fire alarm in Macintosh.

5:50 p.m : An intruder alarm in the post office was called in.

Tuesday February 20

10:51 a.m : Hamilton answered a call about an alarm which was set off in the basement of the library.

Wednesday February 21

3:45 a.m.: Hamilton received a report of vandalism. A light post in the West Quad was torn down by a car.

Honor and Hamilton: Dean Bradfield talks

By Alex Slater '99
FEATURES WRITER

Entering Dean James Bradfield's office one is immediately struck by the cozy pictures of his family and the large poster of the Adirondacks above his desk. Perhaps this serves to reassure the various students who find themselves in that office for bad reasons: "Often, when I see students it's because something's gone wrong," says Bradfield, and the associate Dean has a very good idea about what goes wrong with Hamilton students.

Having studied at the College of Wooster and University of Rochester, majoring in Economics, Bradfield later experienced two large research establishments, which convinced him to look for a smaller school where he could teach undergraduates. That smaller school was to be Hamilton, and in 1976 Bradfield came to the Hill as an assistant Professor. From 1983 to 1987 he was Chair of the Economics department and has taken two terms as associate Dean of Students: from 1983 to 1987 and presently from 1994 to 1998.

I asked him if he regrets losing contact with students in the classroom to take on an administrative office job as Dean of Students. Bradfield stresses that he made a conscious temporary move from the classroom and that he has not lost touch with students. He continues to teach one class a semester, and is heavily involved in the advising process: "Though I have reduced contact with students in the classroom I have increased contact outside it."

Some students can hide problems saying that 'everything is fine,' until the grades come in and we see that everything is less than fine." -Bradfield

Furthermore, Bradfield has gained the opportunity to influence policy making at Hamilton, especially concerning academic standards and advising.

In twenty years at Hamilton Bradfield has seen many changes in the amount of cases brought by students concerning other students. He points out that cases are only brought to the Court Hearing itself if there is substantive evidence of academic dishonesty . In general, all the cases brought by students against other members of the community have been taken to the court. Bradfield believes that this is a good sign that students are adopting the Honor Code ads their own.

Furthermore, Bradfield is pleased by the increased assumption of responsibility by students concerning their own standards of work. As an example of this he recalls that a few years ago when interviewing those placed on academic probation the students would be prepared with a plethora of excuses blaming others for their own academic shortcomings. Now when Bradfield conducts these interviews he find that students are willing to acknowledge their mistakes:

"They outline where they went wrong and how they are going to improve."

When something "has gone wrong" the Associate Dean feels that more often than not the main reason is immaturity of the student.

"Some students don't recognize that there are shades of gray: they should realize that when they are heading for a C in a class they don't necessarily have to drop it."

He also believes that Hamilton is very well equipped to deal with students who need help, though it is often difficult to recognize who those students are, because it is difficult to be vigilant to student problems.

"I don't want a Campus of nerds or bookworms but students should realize the importance of intellectual activity." - Bradfield

The Associate Dean, therefore, seems optimistic about the prospects for Hamilton students. But what of Hamilton's drive to climb up the national ratings? Dean Bradfield has seen an increased awareness of market forces within the school in the recent years. When I ask him if he thinks it a good thing, after hesitating, he identifies both positive and negative points in this the concern of Trustees:

"To the extent that we are identifying the things which we are truly good at, and we are attracting students to what we do well, it is a good thing. But I am not convinced that trying to figure out how the rating are compiled and changing ourselves accordingly is beneficial. We should not have policy driven by the popular press."

But Dean Bradfield's last words remain on the subject of the student on the Hill. When asked if he can think of anything more which Hamilton should provide for students, he answers with a statement which seems to be his vision for the future of the College: "Hamilton should offer a clear message to students about longer term benefits and joys of increased importance of intellectual activity. I don't want a Campus of nerds or bookworms but students should realize the importance of intellectual activity."

'The Celestine Prophecy': A chance to end the darkness

By Marie L. Follayttar '98
FEATURES EDITOR

The snow is clearing and the temperature is skyrocketing to the mid-thirties and forties and yet there seems to be an air circulating around the Hamilton campus. Students are desperate for the break coming up in two weeks and more and more are bogged down by midterms, papers and more and more work. The carefree smiles and laughter seem to be rare. No one seems to be happy. Perhaps the gray fog is overcoming everyone.

The fog certainly was clouding my vision. I, like everyone else, have hit that winter pit, lost in the two month abyss between Winter Break and March Break, but I have found something that has made my last few weeks a little easier. I reread the National Best-seller *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield. How can a national best-seller be inspiring? This book is between the fine line of fiction and reality. It is almost a new mythology. As you read it, you live the experience of the main character. It is not like living through literature, living through Holden Caulfield in Catcher in the Rye. With literature, often, you know that the work is fiction and always have this is in the back of your mind. While living the Celestine Prophecy you are forced to confront the difference between fiction and reality. For through the characters' evolution and experiences there rings a bell of truth. A truth that we all might secretly wonder about. A truth that I have wondered about.

The book tells the story of a man's search for a lost Peruvian Manuscript. This Manuscript tells of nine insights that will lead the people of the twentieth century to a greater spiritual awareness. Spirituality? NO, not the type we are taught through church and temple, but a spirituality we learn from our environment; from the people and animals and all living organisms we interact with on a daily basis. The spirituality Redfield talks about is the spirituality of awareness, of looking as you walk along in a hurry, and observing as you talk to your friends. Some of the "lessons" of the book may seem unfeasible, as does the whole scenario , however, the message is pure and true.

Redfield calls us to pay attention to our actions. The first insight is to pay attention to coincidences. If suddenly you bump into a person you have not talked to for a while, but have talked and thought about, there might be a hidden meaning behind this. Redfield calls us to talk to that person or at least wonder what it means.

The second insight is becoming involved in your history. By reviewing history you can isolate the motivations of our predecessors and thus understand the motivations of ourselves.

The third insight concentrates on the dynamics of energy. As individuals we all have our own energy, as do plants and animals. Redfield tells us to project our energy into a positive momentum.

The fourth insight talks about the struggle of power. In all relationships and interactions we manipulate or are manipulated. We dominate one another and feel powerful or we are dominated and feel weak. Redfield wants us to pay attention to who is in control and how this makes us feel.

The fifth insight calls us to find safety within ourselves. We are able to conquer outside forces causing us to lose our energy by controlling our own selves. We can find the power inside of us.

The sixth insight tries to reveal individuals' way of dealing with people. Are you an intimidator, an interrogator, are you aloof, or do you rely on being and feeling "Poor me"? This can be revealed by examining your own interactions. The root of your behavior can be found by examining your parents.

The seventh insight connects our daily occurrences to our dreams and our thoughts. We are told to pay attention to random dreams and thoughts. If you think of someone out of the blue this often means that you are going to interact with this person in the near future.

The eighth insight teaches us the practice of uplifting others. By seeing beauty in others and by appreciating it we can help other people's security and thus help our own.

The ninth insight provides the result of personal evolution through the first eight insights. He predicts a greater spiritual community throughout the world which will create more harmony.

Although these insights are farfetched, they are really a culmination of all religious thought as well as scientific study. The idea of finding meaning in coincidences was first hypothesized by Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. He called this "synchronicity" and believed that numerous coincidences alluded to a cause and effect situation. Jung said, "Synchronicity suggests there is an interconnection or unity of causally unrelated events."

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Joanna Peters is participating in a full-credit undergraduate program called SEA Semester. As part of the six-week component, she will undertake multiple responsibilities aboard ship, including those on deck, in the scientific laboratory and in the engine room and galley. She will stand watch and work with fellow students and professional nautical and scientific staff to handle the 24-hour operations of the ship. As an important part of the academic program, Joanna will collect and compile samples of ocean resources, learning to deploy and retrieve scientific equipment and examine and assimilated data to complete an independent research project in oceonography.

In SEA Semester, students from virtually every academic discipline investigate the many facets of the ocean environment. The program, for which students earn a full semester's academic credit, includes courses in oceanography, nautical science, and maritime studies (literature, history and policy).

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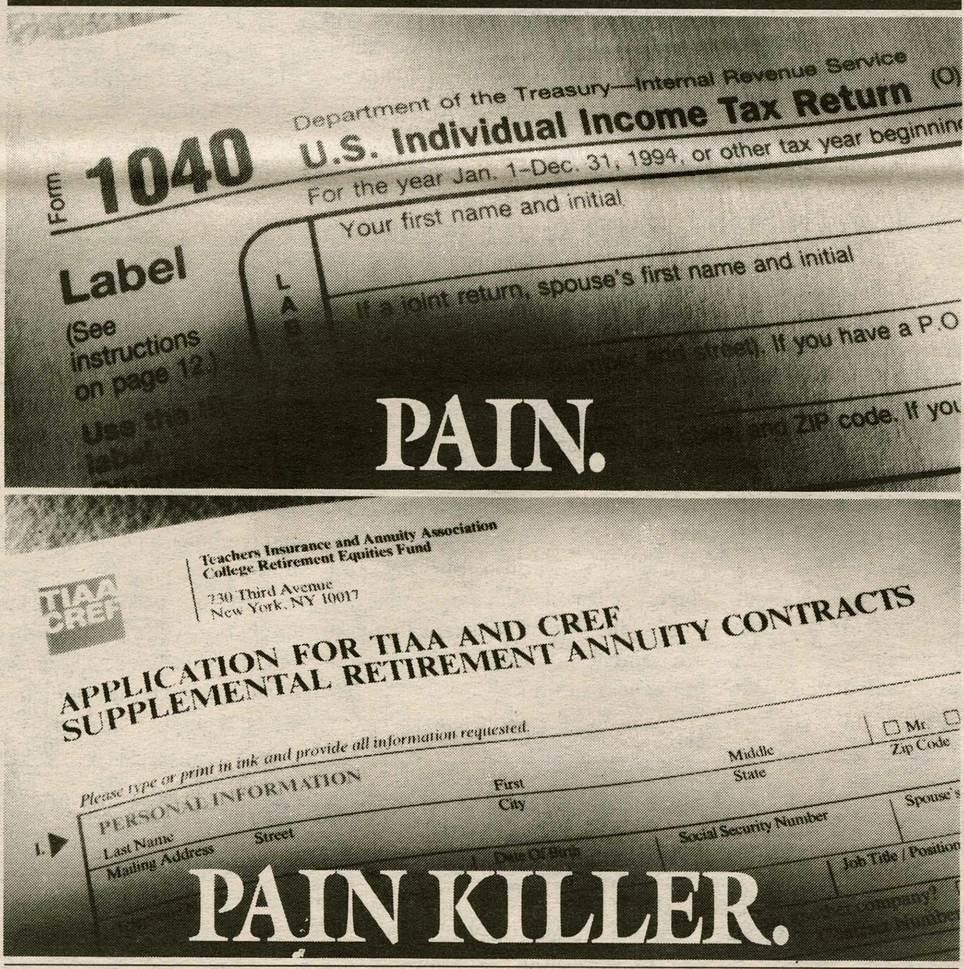
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Maneuver

Consider this scenario: You're out with some friends eating dinner when one of them seems to be choking. They're coughing but clearly have problems getting enough air in. All at once they stop coughing and it appears that they aren't able to breathe at all. Do you know what to do? Or what if you're with a friend that has had a lot to drink and they start to vomit? Do you know how to access emergency help? Do you know what to do for someone who is choking? Most of you would answer yes. .. that you would do the Heimlich maneuver. After all, the health department requires a poster showing how to help a choking person be posted any place where food is served. You've seen it a dozen times. And how many times have you seem the Heimlich Maneuver performed on TV? But do you really know how to do it correctly?

Consider this scenario: You're home for the weekend and you and your family have just had a big dinner. Your father comments on the wonderful meal, but says he ate too much and has indigestion. A little later, he looks uncomfortable but says it's just heartburn and that he's okay. You're not concerned because he is basically a healthy guy and has never had any heart problems. As the evening wears on, you can see that he is very uncomfortable but he still insists that it is just heartburn. He begins to have some trouble breathing and holding his chest, he collapses. Do you know what to do for him? Do you know how to check to see if he is breathing and has a pulse? And if he is not breathing or does not have a detectable pulse, do you know how to start CPR? Again your answer may be yes.. you have seen it done weekly on "ER" and "Rescue 911." How hard can it be? Do you know who to call for help in your hometown?

Either of these scenarios could happen to you ar anytime, and in fact, happen to people daily. Nearly one-half million people die each year from coronary hear disease and most of these deaths occur suddenly. "Sudden Death" occurs when heartbeat and breathing stop abruptly or unexpectedly. It is estimated that two thirds of these deaths occur outside the hospital setting within two hours after the onset of symptoms. Drowning, suffocation, electrocution and acute drug and/or alcohol intoxication can also cause sudden death syndrome. Airway obstruction, as described in the first scenario, will result in a sudden death if the obstruction is not removed quickly.

The window of opportunity from sudden death is very narrow, however, many sudden deaths can be prevented by rapid access to the Emergency Medical Service System and initiation of bystander CPR. An ideal world would be one in which every adult knew how to do CPR. The Hamilton community is fortunate in that we have an EMT system on campus with a response time of 2 to 4 minutes. And we have the capability of teaching CPR to anyone who has the desire to take the class. The basic adult CPR class can be completed in about 3 to 4 hours. There are several members of the Health Center staff and several EMT's that are certified CPR instructors. If you are interested in learning CPR, call the Health Center at x4111 for more information. Four to five hours of your time may literally safe someone's life someday.

Ask M&M

Dear M&M,

For a while now I have been becoming more and more uninvolved with my life. I don't seem to care any more about anything. My grades are getting lower and lower. I just sit in my room all day, and avoid my friends and my family when they call. My roommate has permanent directions to tell people I am not at home. I just don't know what to do.

-hopelessly lost

Dear hopelessly lost,

Maybe you should take some time off from school. Often times the transition into a new semester is extremely difficult. Go away this weekend or stay in your room to spend time with yourself, but not to avoid the world. If this does not help you may be suffering from depression. Call the Psychological Services and make an appointment with a doctor. Talking about things rather than avoiding them will make all the difference. After all, it is free counseling, so take the school up on it and get better.

Dear M&M,

Over the past few weeks, I have watched my best friend become more and more sucked into the drug culture at Hamilton. Sometime she will skip her homework to smoke. The other day when McDonald's started to deliver she had to smoke before the end of delivery so that she could experience it stoned. So how can I tell her to slow down without turning her away.

- A confused friend

Dear a confused friend,

I know this situation is very difficult. I think that you should sit with her and explain that you are worried, maybe she is realizing it too and is as afraid as you. It takes a lot of nerve to help someone, but remember, not everyone wants help.

Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

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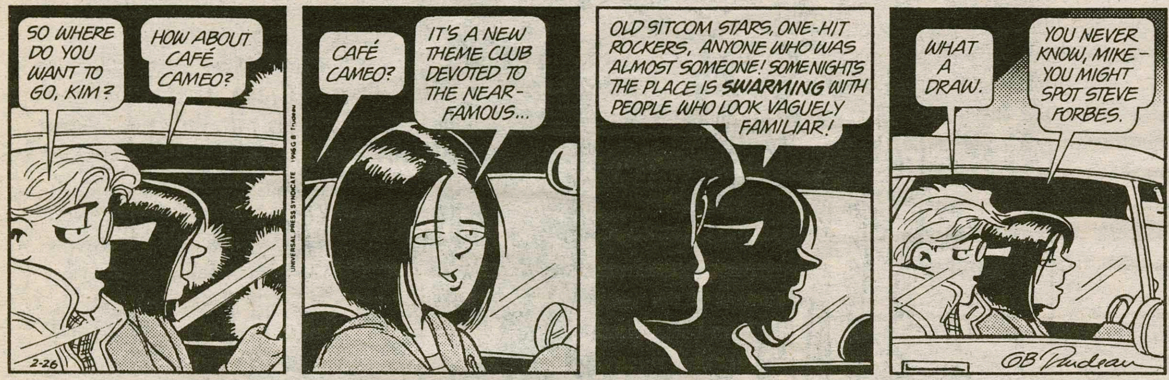
SO WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO, KIM?
HOW ABOUT CAFÉ CAMEO?
2-26
CAFÉ CAMEO?
IT'S A NEW THEME CLUB DEVOTED TO THE NEAR-FAMOUS...
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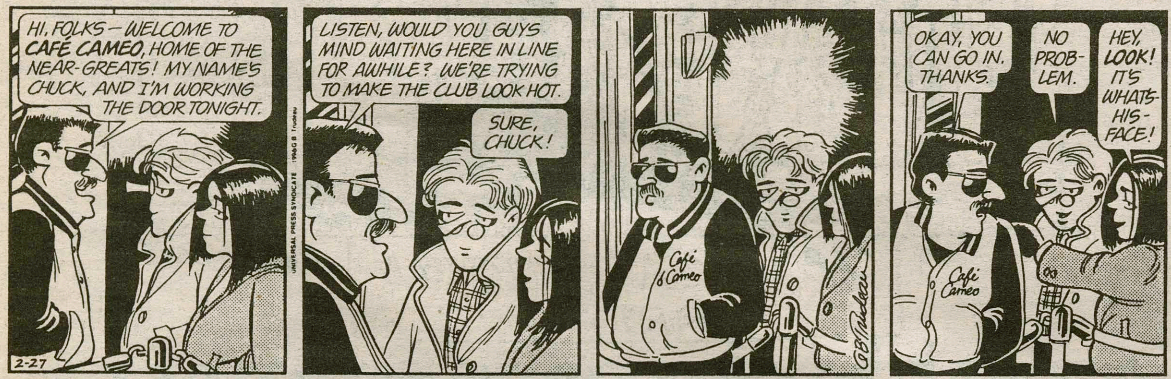
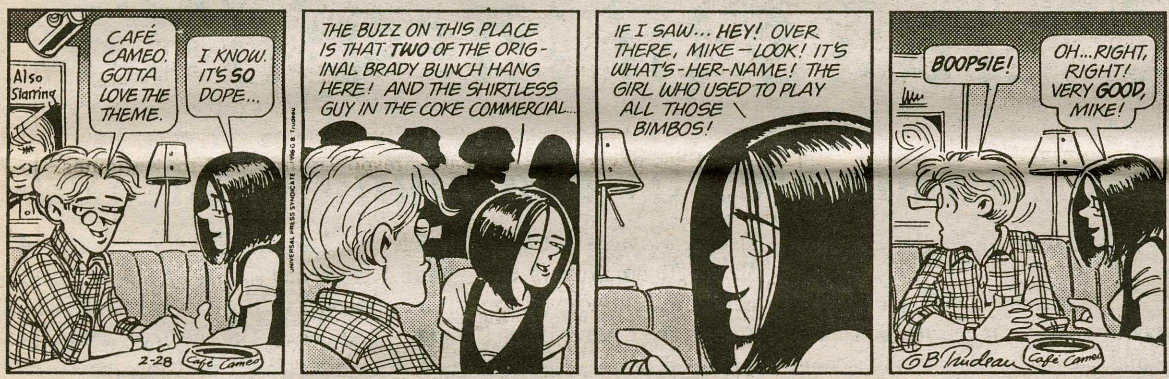
OLD SITCOM STARS, ONE-HIT ROCKERS, ANYONE WHO WAS ALMOST SOMEONE! SOME NIGHTS THE PLACE IS SWARMING WITH PEOPLE WHO LOOK VAGUELY FAMILIAR!
WHAT A DRAW.
YOU NEVER KNOW, MIKE - YOU MIGHT SPOT STEVE FORBES.


HI, FOLKS — WELCOME TO CAFÉ CAMEO, HOME OF THE NEAR-GREATS! MY NAME'S CHUCK, AND I'M WORKING THE DOOR TONIGHT.
2-27
LISTEN, WOULD YOU GUYS MIND WAITING HERE IN LINE FOR AWHILE? WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THE CLUB LOOK HOT.
SURE, CHUCK!
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE 1996 G B Trudeau
Café Cameo
OKAY, YOU CAN GO IN. THANKS.
NO PROB-LEM.
HEY, LOOK! IT'S WHATS-HIS-FACE!
Café Cameo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CAFÉ CAMEO. GOTTA LOVE THE THEME.
I KNOW. IT'S SO DOPE...
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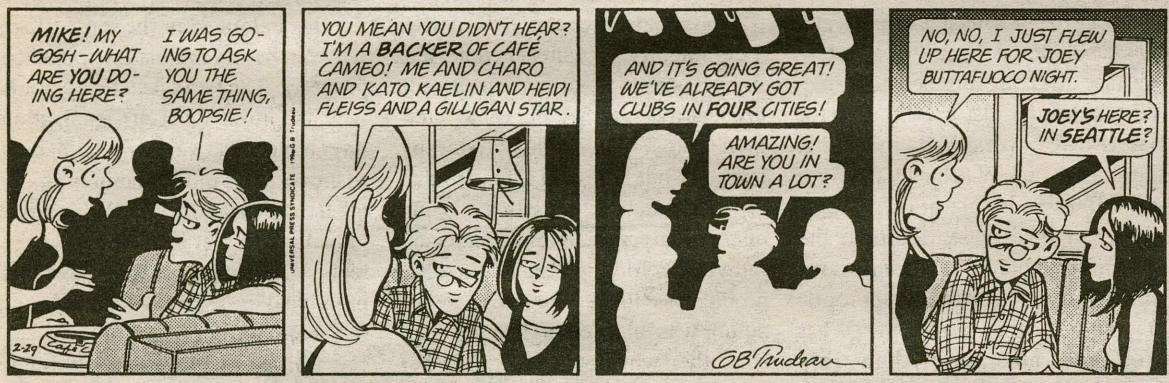
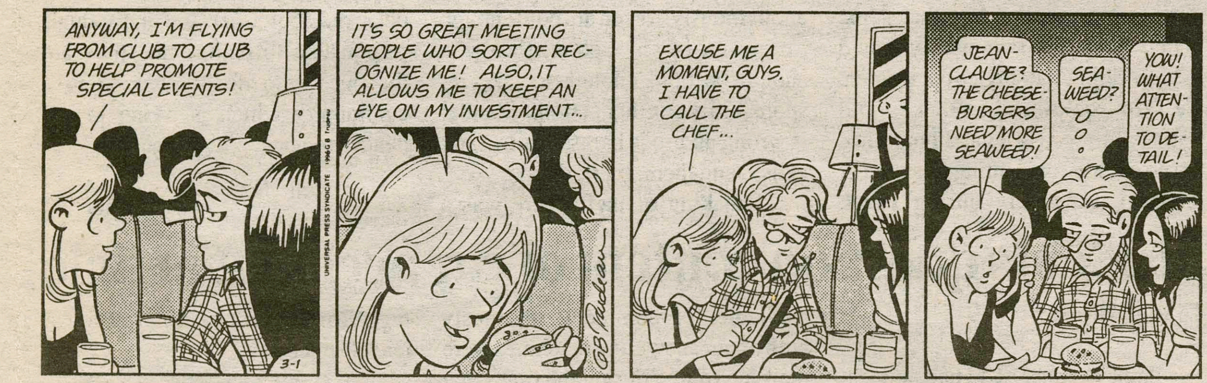
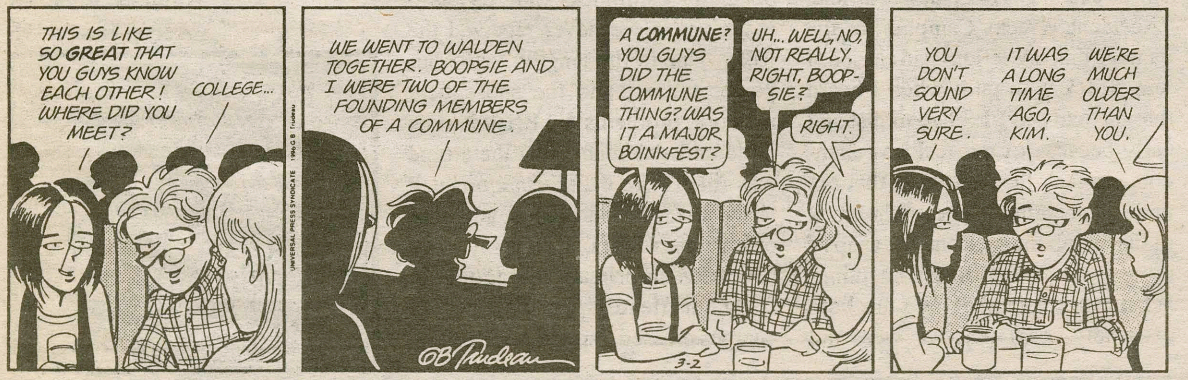
Café Cameo
THE BUZZ ON THIS PLACE IS THAT TWO OF THE ORIGINAL BRADY BUNCH HANG HERE! AND THE SHIRTLESS GUY IN THE COKE COMMERCIAL...
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE 1996 G B Trudeau
IF I SAW... HEY! OVER THERE, MIKE — LOOK! IT'S WHAT'S-HER-NAME! THE GIRL WHO USED TO PLAY ALL THOSE BIMBOS!
BOOPSIE!
OH...RIGHT, RIGHT! VERY GOOD, MIKE!
Café Cameo


MIKE! MY GOSH — WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING, BOOPSIE!
2-29
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T HEAR? I'M A BACKER OF CAFÉ CAMEO! ME AND CHARO AND KATO KAELIN AND HEIDI FLEISS AND A GILLIGAN STAR.
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE 1996 G B Trudeau
AND IT'S GOING GREAT! WE'VE ALREADY GOT CLUBS IN FOUR CITIES!
AMAZING! ARE YOU IN TOWN A LOT?
NO, NO, I JUST FLEW UP HERE FOR JOEY BUTTAFUOCO NIGHT.
JOEY'S HERE? IN SEATTLE?


ANYWAY, I'M FLYING FROM CLUB TO CLUB TO HELP PROMOTE SPECIAL EVENTS!
3-1
IT'S SO GREAT MEETING PEOPLE WHO SORT OF RECOGNIZE ME! ALSO, IT ALLOWS ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON MY INVESTMENT...
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE 1996 G B Trudeau
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, GUYS. I HAVE TO CALL THE CHEF...
JEAN-CLAUDE? THE CHEESEBURGERS NEED MORE SEAWEED!
SEAWEED?
YOW! WHAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL!


THIS IS LIKE SO GREAT THAT YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER! WHERE DID YOU MEET?
COLLEGE...
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WE WENT TO WALDEN TOGETHER. BOOPSIE AND I WERE TWO OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF A COMMUNE.
A COMMUNE? YOU GUYS DID THE COMMUNE THING? WAS IT A MAJOR BOINKFEST?
UH... WELL, NO, NOT REALLY. RIGHT, BOOPSIE?
RIGHT.
3-2
YOU DON'T SOUND VERY SURE.
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, KIM.
WE'RE MUCH OLDER THAN YOU.

Personals

Cherry Pie-

Forget the cookies, All I've ever wanted is you. I'm going to miss you this weekend (I almost don't want to go). Please don't be sleepy anymore.

-Gingersnap

Loser-

We need to spend some Q.T. together this weekend, don't let me sleep too much. Mr. Right is around the corner . . .don't worry we'll find him. Smile, life isn't as bad as you think.

-Dork

To my new friends-

I love you all and hope you know that you are all wonderful! Keep your chins up and smiles on your faces and you will be fine. I promise.

-MWW

Chick Pea-

I miss you and want to hang out with you. Sorry I've been so wrapped up in all my things. We must bond this weekend. I hope things are going well with the man. Smile . Lets smoke a but.

-Rutabaga

Twitchy-

Do not let me wither for I need you tonight,
Without you my heart travels roads of endless fright
I want to drift away in your mind, body, and soul,
I'm begging you to unite us, shelter me from the cold.

-Jimmy Cap

MH-

It's been six months. Stop talking about me!

-MD

Hollywood-

Could you play a song for me. It's by Montell Jordan, #11 on his C.D. You said don't be shy, I don't think I can be any more direct than this.

-Baby M.

Cute Boy-

I'm happy, I hope you are too.

-your friend

SB-

Happy Birthday!

Dicaeopolis-

I haven't seen you around recently , please come out of hiding and hang out with me. Lets do lunch sometime.

-Dunham gals

Happy Belated Birthday Slater!

Answer to last week's crossword puzzle

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EDITORIAL

Appreciate offensive flyers for their ability to educate.

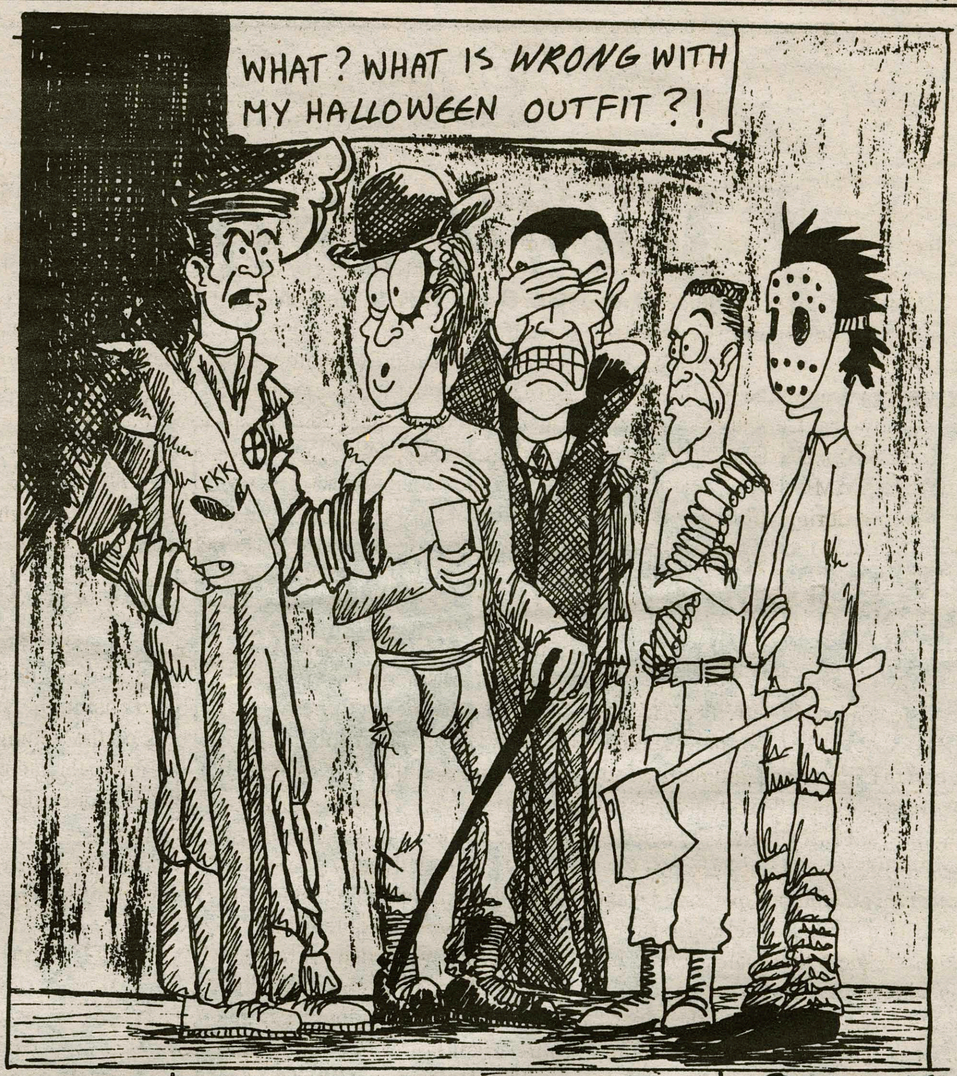
For the second time in as many weeks, an extremely appalling flyer made its way to the tables in the dining halls. While it is doubtful that the trend of offensive flyers will continue, they have uncovered several severe problems on the Hill.

There has been discussion, albeit informal discussion, that there should be some mechanism to stop potentially offensive material from ever being distributed. Many colleges have a screening system for flyers that requires material intended for distribution to be approved by a board or, in some situations, a single person. In light of the recent problems Hamilton has had with misguided flyers, the idea of instituting a similar screening program might seem attractive.

This is a frightening proposal to entertain. The notion that any board is qualified or has the right to have ultimate say over what students read is wrong. There are no people more qualified to decide what is readable than the readers. This is especially true at Hamilton, a place filled with Phd's and eager minds, where intelligent individuals should learn to make decisions for themselves. To avoid offensive material from being distributed we must rely on the intelligence and sensitivity of students, not on a committee. We must also realize that material that offends is not always something that we want to rid ourselves of.

The most recent flyer is an example of how the regulation of distributable materials would have a negative effect on the community. The CAB flyer was inexcusable, and while the community fumes over the ignorance that it embodies, good has come of it. Because of the flyer, constructive dialogue has increased sensitivity to minority issues. For the individual responsible for publishing the flyer it has no doubt been a learning experience, one that he may like to forget. For people only remotely familiar with the incident it has been a learning experience.

Too often we tend to let issues surface and then disappear without any substantial altering of the fundamental problems that lie beneath the issues. If we address the CAB flyer, that is good. If we address the CAB flyer without curing the ignorance behind it, that is a waste. The flyer should not be an easy, convenient vent for frustrations, it should be a spring board for attacking ignorance on campus. Action often necessitates reaction. In the wake of the flyer incidents we must realize that the proper reaction is constructive. Use a display of ignorance to foster intelligence.


WHAT? WHAT IS *WRONG* WITH MY HALLOWEEN OUTFIT?!
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CAB AT A HALLOWEEN PARTY...

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Letters to the Editor

Student angered by community's attitude

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express concern about campus relations. It is quite scary to be a member of a community in which individuals feel that it is okay to publish racist, sexist, and classist material on a "newsletter" because they are pressed for time. Why didn't he just print the ad for SWAMMP? What hurts me is that the student did not see why the flyer was offensive before other students acted out in disgust. Further, the student was told by *two* administrators that the flyer was not appropriate, but he printed it anyway. What frightens me more than this individual's distribution of this disgusting flyer is the fact that some members of the community found these excerpts that singled out women, welfare recipients, Blacks, and Latinos funny. Haste and ignorance are no excuse for printing this type of material, especially during Black History Month - a time in which Blacks are honored for their contributions to American History. Printing this flyer proved that Hamilton has failed in its attempt to educate this student about cultural diversity.

It is also quite scary to be part of a community in which people feel that it is okay to attack innocent people because they are members of a fraternity. I am obviously not a fraternity member, but I am still offended that an individual or individuals could distribute flyers that slander innocent individuals for any reason. Another problem is the cowardice. If the author was brave enough to put out a flyer, then why not include his or her name? Too many incidents occur anonymously! If you are bold enough to engage in any action, then you should be bold enough to take responsibility for that action. Slander is wrong and so is harassment, prank calls, vandalism, theft, etc.

Speaking of theft, there was a theft from The Little Pub recently. Someone stole the rainbow flag presented to the Pub by the Rainbow Alliance. Did this theft get investigated? What does this theft mean? Does it mean the thief did not think the flag belonged in the Pub? If so, why did he not protest the inclusion properly. The Pub asked for symbols which represented each organization on campus. The Rainbow Alliance is as much a part of this campus as any other organization. Will this individual steal other symbols he or she feels do not belong? Who gave this individual the right to decide what or who belongs on campus?

I will never understand the ignorance behind the actions which have occurred, but I ask the individuals responsible to realize that they are the ones who do not belong in a community which is trying to enhance, educate, and enlighten.

Josie Collier '97

Students question content of car accident article

To the Editor:

Anne Prenner and I had no idea, until we read *The Spectator*'s article, "Accident Wrecks Campus," of the damage that my actions had caused. I was struck with guilt when I heard that the party in ELS had to disband early because of my reckless abandon. In fact, the first thing that ran through my mind as I heard the crack of the telephone pole and the snap of my leg was "Deep Blue Something! What will happen?!" We are both extremely sorry that we were not available for comment; obviously both of our answering machines were malfunctioning during the times that *Spectator* columnists were trying to reach us, as we never received the calls. Due to the lengthy, one hour power failure, and the subsequent network problems in Bristol, it is quite understandable that the article was filled with disinformation such as the status of the vehicle, and both of our class-years, as hearsay must have been the primary source of info. As to our friendship, and the lack of charges pressed, I quote Anne in saying, "Rovers can't be replaced, but at least friends can."

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Letters to the Editor

SHARP condemns flyer released by Campus Activities Board

To the Editor:

We, the members of Students of Hamilton Against Racism and Prejudice (SHARP) want to bring the community's attention to the flyer put out by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) advertising the reggae band SWAMMP which performed on campus during *Siblings' Weekend*. The back of the flyer contained jokes which we found to be racist, classist, and anti-women. These "jokes" make light of the situation of welfare, gang violence, prostitution, and drug culture which are stark realities that affect everyone in America, and not just those residents of the City of East Los Angeles and other inner cities.

Many of the names used in these poor examples of humor were not Anglo-names, and hence we were to infer that these characters were not white. For instance, one example speaks about a man named Salvador who plans to return to Mexico after jumping bail. Additionally, women were referred to as bitches and portrayed as sexually promiscuous.

The fact that CAB felt that the Hamilton community would find this material funny is problematic. This means that negative stereotypes about certain groups of people are accepted and perpetuated on this campus. Obviously CAB felt comfortable enough to present this material to the campus on a flyer bearing its name. This does not speak well of Hamilton. This flyer was on tables during *Siblings' Weekend* and an All State swim meet. Therefore, visitors to our campus now have an image of Hamilton as a racist, classist and anti-women institution.

Hamilton must become more accepting and respectful of difference. This is not an isolated incident of ignorance. Incidents like this occur all too often on this campus. We as a community must make it clear that this behavior will not be tolerated.

SHARP

CAB apologizes for "bad attempt at humor"

To the Editor:

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), would like to formally apologize to the Hamilton Community for our flyer that included a bad attempt at humor; specifically the City of East Los Angeles Proficiency Exam. We realize that the humor expressed was insensitive and extremely offensive, and we respect that many people in this community are upset as a result; we are prepared to accept the repercussions of our actions. There was no mal intent involved, but we realize that it was very offensive.

Putting this piece in our newletter showed a great lack of judgement, a lack of forethought, as well as ignorance to the diversity of this campus. In this piece there are stereotypes, racism, classism, and sexism. Although it was meant to be humorous, it was not. After looking as it one should see that it was indeed very offensive.

We realize that this newsletter not only offended many people but also revealed a much deeper problem in that some people found the classism, racism, sexism and stereotyping contained in the newsletter humorous. CAB apologizes to the entire Hamilton Community and anyone else that may have seen, heard, or been affected by this piece. We cannot change what we have done, nor the outcome of our actions. But we can change the future.

CAB will continue to provide a wide diversity of topics and programming in the future. Our intent is to build a community, not to make members of the community feel uncomfortable or threatened. Again, we stress that this does not represent the mission of the Campus Activities Board, and we are greatly sorry to the entire Hamilton College Campus.

The Campus Activities Board,
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Mintz urged to "leave straight away, never to return"

To the Editor:

Not once in my four years at Hamilton have I taken pen in hand to write to *The Spectator*, but the crying injustice that has come to my attention is of such a magnitude that I cannot remain silent. I am seriously concerned about a member of your staff, one Ben Mintz. Because I believe that it is the responsibility of every Hamilton student to be informed about campus happenings, I make an effort to read your publication every week. I have read a number of Mr. Mintz's articles, and have felt a great deal of anguish over the Hamilton Administration's inability to please Mr. Mintz in any of its endeavors. I was beginning to believe that perhaps the Administration was engaged in a conspiracy to make Mr. Mintz's college years nothing less than a living hell. While I was enraged over the audacity of the Administration in hounding Mr. Mintz in this matter, I admired him for being willing to stay at Hamilton in order to try to bring about some positive change.

However, when I turned to Mr. Mintz's column last week, I was quite distraught. It turns out that not only the administration does not live up to its standards, but eight of ten of its fellow students are disappointing to him as well. I began to wonder into which group did I fall? Was I a "real" person or did I "leave something to be desired?" As I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mintz, I had no real way of knowing whether I was an individual with my own thoughts and feelings, or just another product of the "cookie cutter."

I have never been a gambling man, but I was forced to conclude that, statistically speaking, I was just another Hamiltonian cookie. It may be presumptuos for me to speak for the eighty percent of the campus student population of which I have for so long unknowingly been a part of, but I will do so anyway. Mr. Townsend, as Mr. Mintz's associate and the Editor-in-Chief of *The Spectator*, you must ask Mr. Mintz to end his crusade; his sacrifice has become too great. He is relentlessly persecuted from the above, and surrounded by people not worthy of him. In the truest sense of the word, Mr. Mintz is peerless.

It is for this reason that I ask you to urge Mr. Mintz to leave Hamilton straight away, never to return. I ask that you urge him to seek education elsewhere, where he can be unfettered in his acquisition of knowledge. Mr. Mintz is our own Atlas, with the weight of the College on his shoulders. In the words of Ayn Rand, I ask him, for his own good, to shrug. Let him rest assured, when the College goes down in flames, we will not blame him.

Thomas E. Kellogg '96

Health Center: Emergency care or Tylenol dispenser?

To The Editor:

People often complain about Hamilton. Unfortunately, even though some may do this more eloquently than others by writing articles, this frustration is also seen on Martin's Way, at the Library, or outside the Chapel, where our college's founder was laid to rest...again. The Residential Life decision is often the target of criticism, and this is no surprise. The decision shows a real lack of attention to what the students really want. The main goal of the decision was to make Hamilton a fully residential college (hypothetically). However, one aspect of a community all living in the same place is a facility for healing the sick. At Hamilton, this place is called the Thomas Rudd Health Center. I prefer to call it the Tylenol station. Actually, since they don't usually give out Tylenol, because it is too expensive, I would go so far as to call it the acetaminophen station. Either way, the place has some real short comings.

A health center is a place to heal the sick, when they are sick. At the very least, it should diagnose the sick. The health center, however, only expects people to get sick during business hours. That is incredible. People don't get sick during business hours. They get sick whenever their ailment catches up to them. Recently, however, the health center decided that not only can people not get sick during regular business hours, but on Wednesday, it must be after 10:30 in the morning. I find a financial or budgetary excuse for this lack of foresight lame. Colin Powell can come for $60,000, but that is far more important than people's daily health concerns. The Pub can be built, the information superhighway can come to our doorstep, but how relevant are these things when you're sick Saturday morning, and you have to go to some place called Slokum Dixon (Wherever that is)?

I think my point has been made. But unlike some of the complainers, I think I might have a solution. The Class of 1998 is circulating a petition in mailboxes on Monday, February 26. Please sign it. Its the first step which will do something the entire campus can benefit from. So... Please Sign the Petition on Monday!!

H. Ali Hilaly '98

Flag stolen from Little Pub

To The Editor:

A Rainbow-PRIDE flag, donated by the Rainbow Alliance was reported missing from the new Little Pub. The flag was donated shortly after the Pub opened yet adorned a wall upstairs for a short time.

Students and student organizations have been encouraged to donate various items to the Pub in order to give it more of a community feeling. This incident has sparked outrage among the student organizations, the Rainbow Alliance and Pride. Members feel that this was blatant disrespect and only enforces their notion that the Hamilton community is still homophobic.

Students with knowledge as to the whereabouts of the flag are strongly encouraged to contact security or the Rainbow Alliance.

Aleksandr Voninski '97

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Nuclear Power: Safe, but still not a good idea

Peter Kelly
Reasonable Resolutions

Forget the scary stuff–predictions of nuclear reactors blowing up, images of a dead Earth poisoned by nuclear waste. We shouldn't reject nuclear power on irrational grounds, such as its association with the word radiation. Your cat won't become ten feet tall or glow in the dark!

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, environmental groups were enthusiastic about using nuclear power to generate electricity. This may sound crazy now, but their ideas are worth another look. As compared to burning coal, which now provides 55% of U.S. electricity, reacting nuclear fuel looks pretty good.

Coal mining is unhealthful and destructive. Lung diseases kill more than half of American coal miners. (Compare this to workers in nuclear power plants, who actually live longer than the general population.) As we close underground mines, we create new problems. Two million acres of the U.S. are now underlain by abandoned underground coal mines, which could collapse at any time. Some 250 of these mines are on fire, and will be for decades. With surface mining, we exchange one set of problems for another. Thousands of square miles of the U.S. have been devastated by strip mining for coal or by piles of waste rock from coal mines, and thousands of miles of streams are polluted by acidic runoff.

The burning of coal releases hideous air pollution, even with pollution-control systems in place. Here's just a partial list of the nasty stuff spewing from coal-fired power plants: Particulates—they're dangerous to breathe, and their radioactivity adds up; sulfur oxides—also harmful to breathe, and they make rain more acidic; nitrogen oxides—they contribute to photochemical smog and acid rain; carbon monoxide—a poisonous gas that also contributes to global warming; and finally, carbon dioxide—the main greenhouse gas. Compared to this mess, oil and gas are really clean. The pollution from coal may cause *tens of thousands* of deaths among the general population of the U.S. every year.

OK, so burning coal is bad, but aren't there huge problems with nuclear power—the routine release of radiation, the potential for accidents, and the disposal of highly radioactive wastes?

The routine release of radiation from nuclear power plants is actually very small. Radiation levels are tightly monitored and regulated, and the maximum legal emission in the U.S. is equivalent to only a 1.5% increase over the average natural background for people living close by. In practice, living right next door to a nuclear plant increases a person's radiation exposure by less than 1%. Increased cancer rates in communities near nuclear plants have not been detected.

But what if there's an accident, like the one at Chernobyl? Here's a closer look at the 1986 Chernobyl disaster: It is the only accident at a civilian reactor to have had measurable health effects in the general population. (The radiation released at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, will probably lead to only one cancer death, not a detectable rate.) The Chernobyl accident will probably cause 17,000 cancer deaths throughout Europe over the next seventy years. What happened at Chernobyl was that, in an unauthorized experiment, the Unit 4 reactor was run at low power with the safety systems off. Chernobyl-type reactors have a positive coefficient—meaning that they are unstable at low power levels. And, they have no containment building. All of the world's reactors (except for a few in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe) now have a negative coefficient and a containment building, either of which would probably have prevented the Chernobyl disaster. The remaining sixteen Chernobyl-type plants should be shut down as soon as possible, but their dangers are not an argument against nuclear power in general.

If we choose to build them, new reactors will be even safer than current Western ones. Some designs have been stable during simulations of worst-case accidents—all cooling fluid drained and all safety systems shut off. As compared to explosions at oil refineries or to natural disasters, nuclear accidents claim very few lives.

A bigger problem with nuclear power plants is the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. This waste, which gets its radioactivity from plutonium and other nuclear byproducts, could be really dangerous for thousands of years if it's not handled properly. Right now, with a few exceptions, the civilian high-level nuclear waste is in temporary storage next to each of the over 400 nuclear plants (in the U.S. and abroad) that generated it. There's less of this stuff than you may think. If all the U.S. civilian high-level radioactive waste could be piled on a football field, it would stack only four feet high. This is what the billions of dollars and worry are all about.

One option is to reprocess the waste, recycling plutonium and unburned uranium into concentrated fuel for reactors. This disposes of a lot of the radioactivity and means we need to mine less uranium, but, unfortunately, the concentrated plutonium could be diverted to make nuclear bombs. The recent North Korean nuclear crisis resulted from their plans to build reprocessing capacity. Maybe, since there's so little waste, it should be dispersed, by dumping in the ocean, for example. The chances are there would be no serious effects. A comparable total amount of radioactivity is released each year in coal ash, and that appears harmless. But dispersal would be irreversible, so we'd be in trouble if problems later turned up.

Land disposal, the currently favored approach, also has problems. Wherever the waste is put, there's a possibility of it exploding or being dug up by terrorists to make bombs. Not even Yucca Mountain, Nevada (the best U.S. site so far) is problem-free—there's an active volcano five miles away. People are so scared of the waste that they don't even want rail cars of it passing through town.

Right now, there's no good solution to disposing of this waste. We should keep the waste in temporary storage, at better designed central sites if it's politically acceptable, while we wait for research on artificially breaking down high-level radioactive waste without reprocessing.

So, many of our fears about radiation, accidents, and waste disposal are irrational or exaggerated. But as I'll explain in my next article, nuclear power is still a bad energy alternative because of its enormous costs and the dangers that the waste could end up in the wrong hands.

Write to *The Spec*

Answers and transfers: Musings on life at Hamilton

Ben Mintz
Grey Matters

Recently, Hamilton found itself in the midst of yet another winter fluke, the premature thaw. Our quads are flooded with murky pools of mud reminiscent of Woodstock; so I and my docksiders have kept themselves to the paved and dryer walkways. It is these circumstances that have led me to note that our campus has a surplus of paths and none of them really lead anyplace, let alone to where you want to be. The symbolism of the trails in relation to Hamilton as a whole is enough to bring Robert Frost to tears.

As I was sloshing about in this peculiar weather, my editor informed me that The Spectator had recieved its first letter crtiquing my column. This response to my writing deeply puzzled me; over the past semester and a half, I have made a concerted effort to generate some sort of feedback. However, despite publishing comments that some less open-minded individuals migh describe as "narrow-minded, provincial, ill-written, argumentative, etcetera, etcetera," I received no complaints. Finally, after writing a column attacking a slanderous brochure with an author so weak in his convictions and undignified that he will not put his name on it, The Spec got a complaint. It definitely made my day to recieve confirmation that someone out there in T.V.-Land (or Spec-Land as the case may be) cares about my writing (no matter the emotion). In my opinion the highlight of the letter was when David Townsend was urged to help me transfer. This comment struck a chord and I found it particularly funny.

Out of fairness to my new found heretic, I decided to mentally devote some time to weighing this option and debate the future of my higher education. The first strike against my transfering is my total failure to motivate to request applications, interviews, viewbooks, transcripts, applications, and then deal with them. In other words, I was reluctant to relive my senior year of high school without the romanticized vision of college in front of me. However, I think that my initial reasoning was merely a rationalization to avoid dealing with the fact that simple and plain I have no desire to leave Hamilton at this point in time.

Although whenever I deliver this explanation I feel as repetitive as one the compact disks of mine that my roomguests graciously leave atop the tuner to accumulate scratches. So, because many have not read my previous column on this topic and returned the disk to its jewel box, I will quickly summarize my feelings.

Granted, I do feel that there are many problems at Hamilton; for example, I noticed two old problems that have evolved and grown recently. First of all, there still remains the problem of that pesky statue in front of Christian Johnson that I like to refer as "Tetris on Halleucenogenics" or simply as "Subsidies for the Scrap Metal Industry." Not only has it not been returned to sender as promised, but one of the marketing geniuses we employ decided to feature it in the official calender. I realize that these calendars are the Annual Fund's equivalent of the tote bags Public Television gives away during a beg-a-thon and both are meant to inspire funds for a good cause. The only problem is that last I checked PBS's employees were not apalled and vocal in their opposition to tote bags. The second negative addition is a second jukebox that I have seen been prepared for action in McEwen. One can only imagine my shock when while harmlessly throwing my dishes down the conveyor belt I spun around only to see another mammoth machine with a name to the effect of a Rock-A-Juke behind me. I am flustered by this situation; after seeing or more accurately being bombarded by the cacophany of the first, why make the effort and spend the money for a second one. I think it would be better spent on good live music than on cheese-rock in Beinecke and McEwen.

Anyway, but despite the problems of Hamilton and my complaining, I genuinely like the institution and my friends here. Furthermore, while I may "bitch" excessively, it is important to point out problems so they can be corrected. Given the amount of complaining I do and the high degree that the administration ignores me (i.e. the statue), I can only imagine life without any opposition to these foolish schemes. If I held no positive emotions towards our little community, I would not waste so much time trying to improve it.

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Letters to the Editor

Publisher of flyer apologizes for offensive material

To the Hamilton Community,

In Monday's meeting, it was made clear that the CAB Executive Board was accepting responsibility for the newsletter. The Executive Board is still adamant about accepting responsibility for the newsletter. It troubles me to see other people taking the heat for something which I caused. That is why against the advice of CAB's executive board, I am stepping forward to take responsibility for my actions.

Last week I published a newsletter on behalf of the Campus Activities Board. On one side of the newsletter was a piece entitled the 'City of East Los Angeles Math Proficiency Exam.' Included in this was a satirical set of mathematical word problems involving situations such as drive by shootings, car thefts, etc. This material is and was obviously inappropriate to be included in a newsletter for CAB, for any other type of publicity or flyer which is placed in public for the public to read or hear.

When I initially read the article I did not readily notice that it contained sexist, racist, or classist statements. These things did not enter my mind. I took the article at face value as nothing more than something to read and then completely disregard. In retrospect, this was extremely insensitive and ignorant on my part. I failed to look deeply into the questions and consider the negative implications that it had towards perpetuating stereotypes. I also failed to consider the reactions from the Hamilton community. I was wrong.

The sole purpose of that CAB newsletter was to promote the reggae concert that Saturday night in the Barn. Last week was hectic for me for I had a lot of school work. I had a thesis revision due, as well as all of my other work, and I was going away on Friday. I received the SWAMMP Band bio. on Thursday, which gave me a small amount of time to create the newsletter. I was able to find a little time on Friday night to devote towards creating it.

The format which I was adopting to use for the newsletter was that longer of the two sides would contain the advertisements for all of our events, while the other side, which I call the "teaser" side would contain the CAB letterhead and would be used to entice people to pick up the flyer and hopefully read the newsletter in its entirety, remembering the last things which they read, specifically what and when the events were.

I am not familiar with desktop publishing applications so it took a while to finish the advertisement side of the newsletter. When it came time to fill the "teaser" side of the newsletter I went to a folder of items which I had downloaded from the internet. I had not really read anything in the folder, just glanced at the material then pulled it off the net to reread later. The one thing which I knew I had that was about a page long was the offending article. Even when I was cutting and pasting to put it in the newsletter I did not really reread the article nor its content. I was more concerned with getting the publicity out for the reggae concert than what I was putting on it.

The newsletter was photocopied and distributed between my commitments on Saturday morning. This rush to create and distribute the newsletter in no way excuses my actions nor my oversights.

In Monday's meeting it was asked what could a person who would do such a thing be thinking? What is going on inside their head? The obvious answer to the first question is that I wasn't thinking. Not at all. If I was, this incident never would have occurred.

When reading the first couple questions of this article, I did not associate a face, nor a culture, nor any stereotypes with any of the names or situations. I took the word problems at face value as just a word problem and nothing else. But there was more to this article than that. The author of this piece obviously had a reason for creating it. The reaction and pain here at Hamilton is exactly what the intended purpose of this article was for, to cause people pain. As I stated earlier, I did not see it. I wasn't looking hard enough, nor was I aware of what the intended purpose of the article was.

Yes I was extremely ignorant when I did this, but to me, people are people. It doesn't, rather it shouldn't matter what a person's race is, or what their ethnic background is, or what their gender is, or what their class is, or what their financial status is. I am not faced with these pressures and stereotypes personally as most of you are everyday. I have learned that as a white male I am privileged not to be faced with the pressures of stereotypes and prejudices on an everyday basis.

But the truth is that I did perpetuate these stereotypes. The truth is that I caused the pain and suffering of many students. The truth is that I caused the pain and suffering of many faculty and staff members. The truth is I have caused pain and suffering to an organization in which I believe in. I cannot pretend to know how this made you feel, I cannot pretend to know how you are feeling now. I do know that I am truly sorry for what I have done.

I realize that my decision to publish this material was wrong and tasteless. Many people seem to think that I did this on purpose. This was not done on purpose, but with a lack of clear thinking and a lack of good judgement which resulted in causing people to suffer, making a lot of people feel uncomfortable, and offending many members of the College Community. To those people whom I have offended and for those people whom I have made feel uncomfortable, and for those people whom I have made suffer in any way, and to the rest of the community, I apologize for my actions, my gross lack of thought and my gross lack of respect for the Hamilton Community. I am sorry for the pain which I have caused other people; it was not intentional.

Huck Touhey '96

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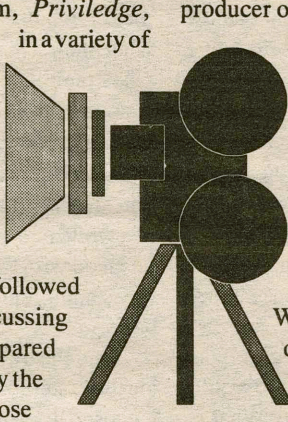
Director Rainer brings films to Hamilton for viewing, discussion in faculty-sponsored event

By Daniel McAllister '99
A&E EDITOR

On Wednesday February 21, acclaimed director Yvonne Rainer presented and discussed three movies which she had produced: *And the Woman...*, *Priveledge,* and *MURDER and murder*. The films dealt with a wide range of social issues including aging, menopause, deviant sexuality, race, and the treatement of women. The series was sponsored by the Committeee of the Faculty and the Departments of Art, Comparative Literature, English, and Sociology.

The first film, *And the Woman...*, focused primarily on the views of men toward women. It opened with sound bites on a crowded sidewalk, but consisted primarily of a man seated in a chair talking in a monologue as though he were speaking to a psychologist behind the man played scenes of George Romero's *Night of the Living Dead.*

In his monologue the man expressed the view that he understood women better than they understood him, with many of his statements coming from the letters of George Romero. Throughout much of the monologue, there was also a telephone conversation between two women who discussed their views on the issue, and one concluded with the statement, "Men spend their lives alternating between punishing and seeking love from women."



The second film, *Priviledge,* dealt with menopause in a variety of ways. The film opened with clips of male psychologists from an estrogen treatment promotional video trying to assess and explain menopause. This was followed by two women discussing menopause who compared the prejudices faced by the deaf community to those faced by women who have experienced menopause. "The hardest part about reaching middle age," says one, "was the realization that men's desire for me was the linch-pin of my identity." The conversation was also filled throughout with tidbits about race and class.

The final film, *MURDER and murder,* was a full length feature about an elderly lesbian couple and their stuggles for acceptance in addition to a close glimpse at their relatioship.

Another theme of the film is cancer. The point is made that one of the major producers of breast cancer treaments is also the world's largest producer of chlorine, a known cause of breast cancer. In one of the final scenes, which Rainer describes as "Keystone Kop-like," two large breasted women personifying estrogen and cancer chase the protagonists around a masquerade party.

When asked about her unorthodox method of social commentary, Rainer replied that her films were "about wanting to make a complex tapestry and not merely a social documentary." Classics Professor Shelley Haley, who was impressed with the films, said she liked the fact that "they were all multi-layered and I really liked the way each of them interwove questions of sexuality, race, class, health and aging."

Performance, choreography from faculty, students, guests featured in dance concert

Courtesy Of Hamilton College

Works by faculty, students and guest choreographers Tsehaya Smith and Nancy Long will highlight this year's annual Spring Dance Concert on Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24 at 8 p.m., in Wellin Hall. Admission to the concert, which is presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, is five dollars for the public and three dollars for students.

Smith will present "Sketches of Miles," which was recently performed in Paris as part of the American Choreographers' Showcase. The work is inspired by and danced to the late, great jazz trumpeter Miles Davis. The music compilation identifies different chronological stages of his recorded compositions.

Long will present two works, "Fractured," which explores passionate and nurturing relationships among eight women and "Napoli," the great ballet by Auguste Bournaville, the ninteenth century choreographer for the Royal Danish Ballet. This piece will be in collaboration with Leslie Norton, associate professor of Dance at Hamilton.

Another collaboration on the program is titled "FASHION," by Elaine Heekin and Bruce Walczyk, also associate professors of Dance at Hamilton. "FASHION" is a satirical view of the strict limitations set down by society's "powers that be." Originally choreographed in 1985, the piece toured the northwest. It employs abstracted martial art and pedestrian movement and is set to the lively score of the B-52's.

Walczyk has also reconstucted "In Between," a humorous piece set episodically around a couple's dealings with reincarnation and the place between the dream life and the awakened life. The work is set to the atmospheric music of Angelo Badalamenti and Julee Cruise.

"Synergy," choreographed by Heekin, concludes the program and is performed by former Hamilton students Rebekah Bonsel and Megan Klar. The duet is set to the music of John Cage and is based on the definition of synergy, which is "combined in cooperative action or force." Throughout the piece, the dancers engulf the space with large sweeping movement puntuated with brief encounters of explosive energy exchange.

The following students will also be performing in the concert: Christy Aberg, Laurie Basloe, Jennifer Bartholomew, Giada Bufalini, Tamar Cunningham, Kara Davis, Marsha Drummond, Danielle Fitzner, Nelima Gaonker, Timna Genzlinger, Laura Haug, Kathleen Hardick, Jennifer Jayne, Amber Kleeschulte, Will McIntosh, Kevin McIntyre, Melissa Moriarty, Yao Odamtten, Jennifer Rasi, Jennifer Riebe, Victor Rodriguez, Kristin Shaverdian, Emma Thompson and Violette Tucker.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

WITH GINA CARBONE '99

City Hall

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Al Pacino plays Mayor Pappas.

The people in City Hall know how to talk. The politicians in this movie have mastered what linguists call "language pollution" which involves confusion, ambiguity and deception of the actual message.

This skill always comes in handy when working in the office of New York City's mayor, which is where we meet the main characters of City Hall. Mayor Pappas (Al Pacino) and Louisiana-bred Deputy Mayor Calhoun (John Cusack) show fluency in polluted language. We are introduced to these men after witnessing the deaths of a police officer, a mafia-linked drug dealer, and an innocent six-year-old boy. The officer met with the dealer on a public street in broad daylight for a chat which ended up in a bloodbath. They shot each other and accidently killed the young boy who was on his way to school.

While Pappas consoles the families, Calhoun plays detective in order to solve the mystery of why a known drug dealer had been sentenced with probation instead of jail time; he never should have been on the streets to begin with. Calhoun and the police officer's lawyer (Bridgette Fonda) go on a witch hunt for the corrupt higher ups who pulled strings to get the mafia off the hook. In the backdrop we have Martin Landau as a New York Supreme Court Justice, and Danny Aiello as a powerful Brooklyn mob boss. All of the characters are linked to the tragedy.

Pappas tries to sidestep the problem through energetic speeches, fueled by the ambitious dream of becoming President. Calhoun adores Pappas and it is apparent that the feeling is mutual. Calhoun's relationship to Pappas is more filial than anything else. As Calhoun grows closer to the truth, the tensions rise, more people die, and corruption appears to be everywhere.

Al Pacino is infallible as the fiery, influential leader. He is at his best when he gives a powerful, pollution-ridden speech at the young boy's funeral. Pappas is a powerful, awe-inspiring mayor who, like all of the other mayors, vows to fight crime in the city. He seems perfect, but has many flaws lurking beneath the surface.

Cusack puts on a questionable southern accent, but he is convincing as Pacino's lackey. Fonda barely makes a dent in the movie. She is clearly just a token female thrown into the mix at the last minute, another casualty of the male dominated industry that is Hollywood. No other women function prominently in the film.

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Harding, Trout play Barn tonight

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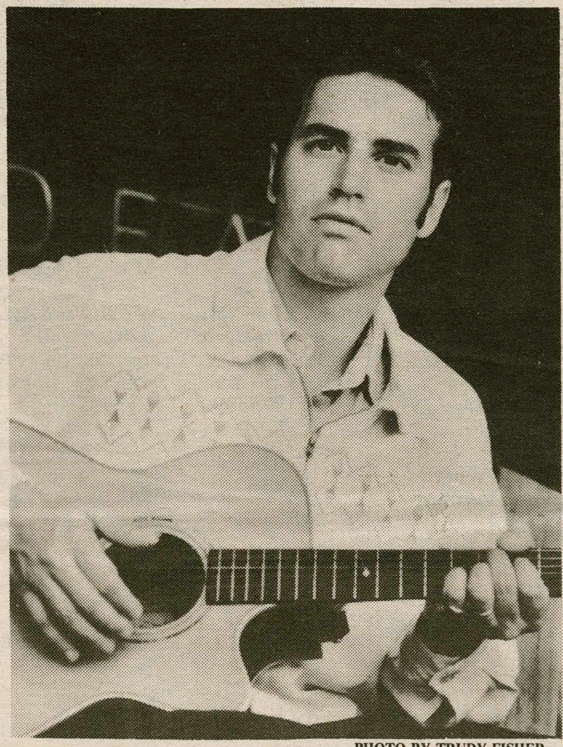
John Wesley Harding, who opened two shows on Bruce Springsteen's solo tour, will play on Friday, February 23, at 8 p.m., in the Fillius Events Barn. He will be joined by special guests Jabbering Trout. The event is part of the Acoustic Coffeehouse Series and admission is five dollars or free with a Hamilton I.D.

Harding's American debut, *Here Comes the Groom*, quietly earned him a reputation as "the best singer-songwriter of his generation." The Los Angeles Times called it "the first great album of the 1990's." Since then, he has cemented his renown as a singer-songwriter of the finest order, with numerous albums and live performances. An artist who is not afraid to tackle subjects others wouldn't attempt, Harding consistently stretches the boundaries of folk music as we know it.

Born in Hastings (West Sussex, England), Harding was a self-taught musician who picked up chords while listening to John Prine and Bob Dylan as a student. While working on his Ph.D. in cultural studies at Cambridge University, he decided he should be playing his own music instead of writing about it.

Headlining his own shows throughout the United States and Europe, Harding is frequently called upon by prestigious musicians as an opening act, his skills as a live performer preceding him to opening slot gigs for Los Lobos, Joan Baez, The Band and Ray Davies. His albums include *The Name Above the Title*, *Why We Fight,* and his 1996 release, *John Wesley Harding's New Deal.*

Jabbering Trout is an act that appeals to a wide variety of listeners due to their diverse strengths. This Boston duo brings acoustic and alternative music together in a way that doesn't dilute the best of either. The down-to-earth attitude, lyrics, melodies and harmonies of acoustic music blend with the raw energy and groove of alternative music to give this act their unique sound which has been described as "alternative folk" and "folk throb."



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John Wesley Harding plays the Barn tonight in the Acoustic Coffeehouse Series.

HAVOC fundraiser brings out the bands

By Matthew Nolan '98
A&E WRITER

An all-star lineup was present for Wednesday night's HAVOC open-mike event. The gathering, held in a fog enshrouded Events Barn, boasted seven groups of musicians from a wide spectrum of musical styles among them. The crowd, however sparse at times, seemed to enjoy the show on the whole, especially the energetic acts of Grooved Pavement and the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble.

HAVOC's alternative break program, which sends Hamilton students to various sites to do volunteer work over spring break, benefited from the evening. As well as the two dollar admission fee, the group organized a table at which the sold cookies and other snacks. The funds from this year's open-mike evening will help send students to locations such as Macon, Georgia; Washington, D.C.; and Nicaragua.

Each playing a short set, due to the large number of acts and the amount of time, the first band to take the stage was Grooved Pavement. The fog dampened neither the sound nor the spirit of the band as they tore through their short playlist. Classics such as "Ride Along Sally," as well as several original instrumental pieces were among the songs performed.

A switch of styles, marked by a change from a funky jazz feel to a definite blues tones, was evident when the duo widely known as "Matt & Eric" took to the stage next. Matt Sircely '98, and his partner in crime, Eric Herman '98, played a short and spontaneous selection including several Bob Dylon tunes. The melodious sound of their two guitars floated from the events barn and apparently brought in more people, as the crowd swelled during and just after their performance.

Doc Woods and a portion of the Hamilton College Jazz Band joined in the action for a short set. Grooved Pavement members Dave Gould '98 (saxophone) and Steve Prymas '96 (guitar) were back on stage for a few tunes, mostly jazz standards or variations on them. Several other groups, including a powerful combination of bongo drums, guitars, and violin played during the evening. The crowd that took time out of their Wednesday night to hear the show left satisfied .

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 23-29

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)

You have been feeling somewhat left out lately, as though your friends are leaving you. Rest assured, though, that they value your presence and definitely want you among them.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

You've got a headache the size of the hole in the Dunham basement from the amount of stress you're under right now. Take it easy and relax this weekend. Drink alternative beverages.

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

Alright, your social life has taken a turn for the worst and you've been spending many weekends alone. Go out and party hard this weekend, but remain sensible about it. We don't want another sport-utility vehicle on Gene Tobin's lawn.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Look out! Trouble may be around the corner if you don't play your cards right. You're walking on thin ice right now so be careful. Stay in this weekend.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Give a little back to society this week. Lately you've focused too much on yourself. Try a little volunteer work now and then, and you may find it more rewarding than looking out for number one all the time.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)

Recently you've developed quite an affinity for Root Glen. Try to spend as much time there as possible, especially during the spring when the trees start budding.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)

Nice job. You're really on top of the game this week. Enjoy it while it lasts though. Take advantage of your recent hard work and really live it up this weekend.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)

Ever since you got the A on that huge paper, all of your grades have taken a turn for the better. Keep up the good work and don't forget to ask your generous parents for more food.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)

This past weekend was definitely an enlightening one for you. You've really expanded your horizons socially by branching out and discovering new people. Fortunately, the source of new relationships is far from cashed.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)

That special someone is really creeping into your mind. Talk to them sometime, maybe in Cafe Opus or after class. It's up to you to get to know them if you're interested.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

You've spent most of this week recovering from a rough Sibling's Weekend. You may feel completely rested now, but I would keep partying low key this weekend just to be safe.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 18)

Once again, you're having family troubles. Being away at college makes it easier to ignore the situation, but you need to make the first move. After all, they are your family

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Calendar & Movies

23 *Friday*

TBA Swimming and Diving. Hamilton at Men's States at Rensselaer.
TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Team Intercollegiate at Yale.
TBA Indoor Track and Field. NYSCT&FA/NYSWCAA Championships at Hamilton.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
4:15 pm Lecture. "Ripeness Is All: Philosophy and Political Action in King Lear." Lorraine Clark. Root 204.
7 pm Ice Hockey. Hamilton at Connecticut College.
7:30 pm Film: The Double Life of Veronique. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $
8 pm Spring Dance Concert. New classical and contemporary works choreographed by faculty and guest artists and performed by Hamilton students. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $
8 pm Acoustic Coffeehouse. John Wesley Harding with "Jabbering Trout." Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

24 *Saturday*

TBA Swimming and Diving. Hamilton at Men's States at Rensselaer.
TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Team Intercollegiate at Yale.
All Day Ice Climbing in Little Falls, N.Y.
3 pm Indoor Track and Field. NYSCT&FA/NYSWCAA Championships at Hamilton.
4 pm Ice Hockey. Hamilton at Holy Cross.
8 pm Men's Basketball. Hamilton at Hobart.
8 pm Spring Dance Concert. New classical and contemporary works choreographed by faculty and guest artists and performed by Hamilton students. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
8 pm Bingo in the Barn II. Fillius Events Barn.
10 pm Film: The Double Life of Veronique. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

25 *Sunday*

TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Team Intercollegiate at Yale.
11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
1 pm Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3 p.m. Music At Hamilton Artists Series: Syracuse Symphony. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $
7:30 pm Film: The Double Life of Veronique. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

26 *Monday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
1 pm Conversations with President Gene Tobin. Beinecke Village.
3 pm & 7:30 pm College Course 300 Film: Satyjit Ray, Pather Panchali (India '55). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *
4 pm Interviewing Workshop. Couper Hall, Room 207.
7:30 pm Lecture. "Business in China: The Cultural & Political Hazards." Richard Graham, Director of the Greater China Fund: and the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson.

27 *Tuesday*

TBA Fiction Reading. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon Spanish Language Table, La Mesa Española.
Azel Backus House.
5:30 pm Chinese Table. Azel Backus House.
8 pm AAUP Journal Club Lecture. "The Politics and Science of Global Warming." Eugene Domack, Geology. Assembly Room, Bristol Campus Center.
8 pm Play. "Panther" Chapel.

28 *Wednesday*

TBA Fiction Reading. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3 pm & 7:30 pm College Course 300 Film: Akira Kurosawa, The Seven Samurai, (Japan '54). Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *
4 pm Hamilton Support Group for Eating Issues Meeting. North Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.
4 pm Know Thy Skills Workshop. Couper Hall, Room 207.

29 *Thursday*

TBA Men's Basketball. NCAA Playoffs.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
4 pm Lecture. "Liangzhu Jades and the Emergence of Chinese Civilization." Yongkang Mou, Professor of Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology Zhejiang Province, CSCC & ACLS Senior Scholar Grantee. Kirner-Johnson, Red Pit.
4 pm Lecture. "Explanation in the Social Science." Lee MacIntyre. Christian Johnson 222.

1 *Friday*

Trustee Weekend
TBA Men's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Dartmouth.
TBA Women's Squash. Hamilton at Nationals at Amherst.
TBA Ice Hockey. ECAC Playoffs.
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
noon Amazing Button Factory. Beinecke Village.
7:30 pm Film: Golden Eye. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $
8 pm Hamilton Performing Arts Series. Cherish the Ladies. A premier all-women ensemble of America's traditional Irish music. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of December 25.

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Saturday @10:00
Golden Eye Friday@7:30

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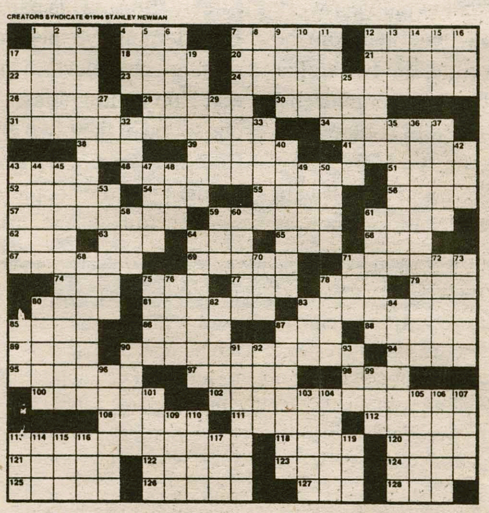

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1 Barker and Kettle
4 Linen vestment
7 Transferable image
12 Prepares eggs
17 Japanese ship name
18 TV staple
20 Southfork matriarch
21 Davis of *The Client*
22 "Dedicated to the __ Love"
23 Belém's river
24 Bluffer
26 *The Flying Dutchman* heroine
28 Singer Lopez
30 Organic compound
31 Rig a game
34 Doddering
38 Highest minor-league level
39 __ *Green Tomatoes*
41 In good taste
43 Word before media or market
46 Magician's repertoire
51 "Holy moly!"
52 Air, poetically
54 Lounge
55 __ B'rith
56 Stands for
57 Liquidation sale
59 Light weapons
61 Almost unobtainable
62 LaSalle or DeSoto
63 Summer-camp trainee: Abbr.
64 Card marking
65 Profs.' aides
66 Plus
67 Stellar
69 Negotiated a ditch
71 Contract addenda
74 100 yrs.
75 Trilogy that includes *1919*
77 Caviar, essentially
78 Flash locale?
79 Grappling surface
80 One of those things
81 Camisole size
83 Eponym, e.g.
85 Impel
86 MTV devotee
87 Sullivan Trophy grp.
88 More underhanded
89 Part of A.D.
90 Bamboozle
94 Memo phrase
95 Lentil, e.g.
97 Barrel part
98 Game pieces
100 Clock again
102 Crafty deception
108 Denmark's __ Islands
111 Ajman ruler
112 Word form for "bone"
113 George C. Scott role of '67
118 Ruckus
120 Cob wrapper
121 Mississippi bank
122 Mackerel net
123 Sought reparations
124 Comics canine
125 Bond buyer's concern
126 Step into
127 Ltr. addenda
128 "__ Cents a Dance"

DOWN
1 *Le Déjeuner sur l'Herbe* painter
2 Sphere of struggle
3 What some carousels carry
4 African serpent
5 Unwilling
6 Vermont city
7 Red ink
8 '70s rock grp.
9 Game played with a lead pipe
10 Haughty attitude
11 Pugilistic pokes
12 *The __ Identity* (Ludlum thriller)
13 Slalom curve
14 Barbecue residue
15 Overtime cause
16 Sun. delivery
17 Bark covering
19 Mortgage-free
25 Yorkshire city
27 Police-blotter initials
29 Sponge-toy brand
32 Bar bill
33 Gutter edges, in Exeter
35 Saga source
36 Trickery
37 On Mom's side
40 Kitchen alcove
42 Six-pt. plays
43 Saudi city
44 Father of the Pleiades
45 Treat deceitfully
47 Border
48 Gangland weapon
49 Dear: It.
50 Vow sealer
53 Disavow
58 Slippery stuff
59 Fairway position
60 Divided
61 Actress Ella
64 Computer-printer parts
68 Digital display
70 "Ligeia" author
71 Hit head-on
72 Fall worker
73 About 35 cubic feet
75 Capable of
76 Oracle
78 Singing Simon
80 Cartridge cargo
82 Tech. schools
83 Remind and remind and remind and . . .
84 Catapult's cousin
85 Liquid meas.
87 Satchel Paige adjective
90 Blood-related
91 Rooster, at times
92 Egg cell
93 Aussie walker
96 Sore
99 Freudian factor
101 Clear the boards
103 Back off
104 Dehumidifies
105 Chopin's "Butterfly" is one
106 Frankincense or myrrh
107 Join together
109 Sign of foreboding
110 Give off
113 Way to go
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115 Secret ending
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"11" choices for best New York sports leader

DAMON LOPEZ O'DWYER '98
JASON SANTARCANGELO '98
ASSOCIATE EDITORS

In his column, "My Two Cents", in last week's *Spectator*, Sam Walker raised an intriguing question to New York sports fans: "Who do you think has been the best leader in New York sports in the last fifteen years?" As is customary, we do not fully agree on the answer to this question, despite respecting each other's choices. We have therefore decided to go our own ways this week and each offer our own voices on this most debatable of questions.

Jason Santarcangelo:

The best leader in New York Sports in the past fifteen years is none other than, you guessed, it Phil Simms. Simms was not only a great football player but a tremendous on-field leader of the New York Giants. Without Phil Simms where would the Giants have gone? On draft day the New York fans booed as the young and talented quarterback Phil Simms of Moorehead State was chosen by the Giants front office to become the new leader of an ailing franchise. Little did the New York Giant faithful know that they would one day adore the man who wore number #11. Simms is what sports are all about, grace and style and leadership.

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The traditional five step drop quarterback found himself plagued by injury in the early years. Sunday after Sunday, Simms played before New York fans who wanted instant success. In 1984 Simms finally broke through, as he passed for over four thousand yards and 22 touchdowns and a playoff berth. In 1985, the Giants again made the playoffs with Simms leading the offense, he passed for just under 4000 yards and 22 touchdowns. After a tough playoff loss to the Chicago Bears at a frigid Soldier Field in Chicago, the Giants turned to Phil Simms for leadership. He delivered in 1986, taking them all the way to the Superbowl.

The Giants would lose only two games that year. They lost to the Cowboys on Monday night TV and then to the Minnesota Vikings midway through the year. Simms had another productive year at the helm. He threw for 3487 yards and 21 touchdowns. Some people might sight a continual decline in performance but Simms did more than throw the ball to Bavaro, Manuel and McConkey. He lead the team and the offense. With Talyor and the defense stymieing the opposing offences, the Giant offense and Simms were asked to control the ball with long drives resulting in points. Simms, did everything he was asked to do with control and patience. Never flustered Simms was able to pick up blitz's and avoid the sack long enough to get the ball away. He marched the Giants into the playoffs with home field advantage throughout. Next away game, Pasadena.

The playoffs, a second chance for 12 teams to breath a new life, is where Phil Simms excelled. He threw for 494 yards and eight—count 'em, eight—touchdowns. He was instrumental in the Giants 1986 drumming of the Broncos in Super Bowl XXI. Simms threw for a superbowl record 22 of 25 earning him the Superbowl MVP and a trip to Disneyland. Finally, after seven years in New York the fans loved number #11, he was their new saviour.

Simms continued to lead the Giants for another seven years including a regular-season run in 1990 that lead to a second NY Giants Superbowl title in five years. An injury at the end of the season prevented him from taking them all the way. While on the sideline, Simms remained an active part of the Giants helping quarterback Jeff Hostetler bring home the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Simms is only one of nine Giants to have a number retired. He joins such greats as Taylor, Tittle, Concerly and Hein in the Giant Hall of Fame. He has thrown for more yards than any other quarterback in Giant history, 33,462 while completing over 55% of his passes. Simms is not only the greatest quarterback in New York Giant History, he is the best leader in the past 15 years in New York sports.

Phil Simms was not the greatest athlete on the field; he was however the greatest leader. He carried the NY Giants from the bottom of the NFC East to the penthouse. Phil Simms will be always remembered in my heart for his courage, dedication, commitment to the New York Giants.

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Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer:

The scene is New York, the date is June 14, 1994, and the time is 10:58 pm. There are 1.8 seconds left on the game clock at Madison Square Garden, and 18,200 people are standing with their breaths held, waiting, as they have continued to wait . . . and wait, and wait again. A man in a beige business suit stands alone, with his hands clutched together, his eyes closed, and his head bowed in prayer.

As the fireworks explode over the pandemonium on the ice, a sense of intense awe emanates from the stands. Fifty-four years of anguish, heart-break, and anticipation have all miraculously been healed in one triumphant moment amidst the unfamiliar combination of New York's muggy summer air and ice hockey. The man in the beige business suit now stands quietly with his arms raised holding a sign that reads, "Now I can die in peace."

The New York Rangers have perhaps the most devoted body of fans in professional sports. No single group of people love and hate the way Ranger fans do, and by the same token, no group is more loyal. The love affair that New York hockey fans have for their Rangers has been compared to a cult following, and rightfully so. There is an unspoken understanding that exists only between the wearers of the Blue Shirts, who did not once, through all the years of losing, stop coming to the games. This is why long time friends and complete strangers alike embraced each other at 10:58 pm on a Tuesday evening in June.

From 1940 to 1994, fifty-three Rangers teams tried and failed to bring the joy back to Broadway-- and there were certainly some groups along the way that seemed like they could be the ones to break the curse—but it was never enough until a lock-jawed Canadian by the name of Mark Douglas Messier resolved that it was time.

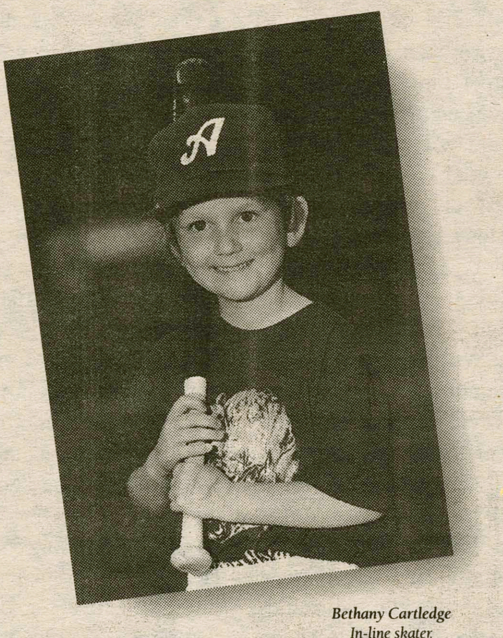
Messier brought meaning to the captain's "C" that few athletes in any sport ever have

Even for the great Messier, success was not instantaneous. A bitterly disappointing 1992 season and a dismal '93 showing left the impatient fans wondering what kind of a mess Mess had made by forcing Roger Neilson out. But Messier's sheer will to win and an innate ability to lead spurred the team to league dominance in a 1994 hockey season that glorified the NHL more than any other season in history. Messier brought meaning to the captain's "C" that few athletes in any sport ever have. No one will soon forget the back cover of the *Daily News* before the dramatic game six of the epic series with the New Jersey Devils. It read, "We will win tonight." A simple statement, and a simple two word response—"hat trick". Messier's three third period goals stunned the Devils and set the stage for one of the most highly charged and dramatic play-off games of all time, as Stephane Matteau's name was forever immortalized by an hysterical Howie Rose. As if time were travelling backwards, the antique (by hockey standards) legs of Messier were becoming younger with each passing step to the promised land. Even the fifty-four year wary die-hard fans were coming around to the idea that destiny followed number 11, and that perhaps he would bring some of it to midtown Manhattan. On a Tuesday evening in June, that destiny was realized.

As commissioner Gary Betman announced over the PA system at Madison Square Garden, "Captain Mark Messier, come get the Stanley Cup!" a roar, five and a half decades in the making swept over New York City. Fathers embraced their sons, who in turn embraced their sons, as the man that many fans have come to call the "Messiah" relaxed his iron jaw and burst into an ear to ear smile while skating the great cup around for all to worship. As he looked up at his family in the stands, Mark lips were read to say "I can't believe it." For many, this is still the truth, as it still brings a tear to the eyes of the fanatics two years later.

Perhaps Mark Messier's hallowed name in New York is a result of good timing, as the emotion of a fifty-four year drought inspired religious devotion to the leader of the team that could finally win, but dramatic triumph is what secures such a beloved spot for sports our hearts. The magnitude of the man is inevitably measured by the magnitude of the situation, and that is why Mark Messier's heroism is so profound. At the celebration outside City Hall on June 17, Messier told New York, "Having won at this, we will walk together for the rest of our lives." Lead us on the great walk, Oh Captain Our Captain.

We salute the number 11 and all that it represents in the hearts and minds the greatest fans in the world—New Yorkers.



Bethany Cartledge
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Women's Basketball							
Ice Hockey	Conn. College 7 pm	Holy Cross 3 pm					
Swimming & Diving	Men's States @ Rensselaer TBA						
Men's Squash							
Women's Squash							
Track & Field	NYSCT&FA & NYSWCAA Champs. TBA						

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Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

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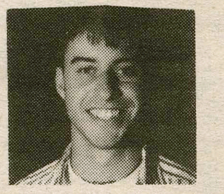
NCAA					
George Washington at #1 Massachusetts 2/24	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
#2 Kentucky at Florida 2/24	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
#3 Connecticut at #5 Villanova 2/25	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Villanova
#20 Boston College at #11 Georgetown 2/25	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	Boston College
#10 Wake Forest at Virginia 2/24	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Pittsburgh at #16 Syracuse 2/24	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse
#19 Iowa at Illinois 2/24	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa
#9 Texas Tech at Texas 2/24	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
NHL					
Edmonton at Boston 2/27	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston
NY Rangers at Florida 2/24	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	Florida	NY Rangers	NY Rangers
Chicago at Philadelphia 2/25	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Chicago
Detroit at NY Islanders 2/27	NY Islanders	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	NY Islanders

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Laettner to Hawks for Webb

Wolves open salary spot

Scorecard



By Trip MacCracken

In NCAA basketball: Ray Allen has made a three pointer in 39 straight games... Allen Iverson and his Hoyas knocked off Allen's Huskies on Monday night. Iverson stole the show, scoring 26. Allen was held to 13, and never got into the flow of the game. UConn had been undefeated in the Big East... Did you know that Purdue has won the last two Big Ten hoops titles?... Kentucky has clinched its 38th SEC title... Maryland guard Duane Simpkins was given a three-game suspension from the NCAA because he accepted a loan from a former coach. Simpkins needed the loan because he had $8,242 in unpaid campus parking tickets! Jeez! And you thought Hamilton had a ticketing problem... USA Today's Steve Wieberg predicted the top seeds in each region for the NCAA tournament: East-1.UMass 2.UConn 3.Utah 4.UNC. West-1.Cincy 2.Purdue 3.Arizona 4.Virginia Tech. Midwest-1.Kentucky 2.Wake Forest 3.Georgetown 4.Texas Tech. West-1.Kansas 2.Villanova 3.UCLA 4.Penn State... UMass is undefeated. That you already knew. But the Minutemen won't win the national title. They simply aren't dominating teams that they should be dominating. After going to overtime two weeks ago against Xavier, they edged Rhode Island 74-69 in a thriller. Although they handled Virginia Tech, they seem to be playing down to their lesser competition, and that will hurt them come tournament time...

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In the NBA: The trade which sent Christian Laettner from Minnesota to Atlanta is a perfect example of the disarray which has plagued the organization since its inception. Laettner was the fourth pick in the draft four years ago, and has developed into a solid NBA player. Due to personality conflicts, however, the Wolves decided to move him. That decision was fine, since Laettner was not happy in Minnesota. Their return in the deal, journeyman guard Spud Webb, was hardly satisfactory. Clearly, the Wolves wanted Laettner's salary spot open for next year, and wanted to unload him. As they have done in the past, with Luc Longley and Felton Spencer, the Wolves gave up a high draft choice for little in return. Wolves executive Kevin McHale lamented the Longley and Spencer trades: "We have nothing left on our roster to show from those two deals." Unfortunately, he'll soon be saying the same thing about the Laettner trade. Between bad drafts and bad trades, the Wolves are only going to be one thing- bad... Jim Jackson's at it again. This time, he's fighting with Mav teammate Jason Kidd. Before, he was going at it with Jamal Mashburn. Something tells me that Jackson isn't a very team-oriented guy. Not only that, but I wouldn't be surprised to see the Mavs make a move to get better chemistry, as did the Nets earlier this year... Speaking of the Nets, they're suddenly one of the hottest teams in the league, having won their last five games... The Magic have tied the record for the most wins at home to start a season, 28 in a row... Former Laker great Gail Goodrich will have his Number 25 retired, meaning that current Laker Eddie Jones, who's wearing that number now, will have to switch numbers next season. Goodrich joins Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlin, Jerry West, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, James Worthy, and Magic Johnson, who also have jerseys in the rafters...

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In Baseball: In his last 450 at bats, Tribe catcher Sandy Alomar has 35 homeruns... Boston GM Dan Duquette says that the Red Sox have no interest in signing Darryl Strawberry, dispelling rumors to the contrary... New York's Jimmy Key threw for 10 minutes of batting practice on Wednesday, and said he felt great. That's bad news for the Yankees AL opponents. Key said, "I haven't had any problems. Basically, I'm just working on throwing pitches."... The Cubs have three former ace relievers in camp- Doug Jones, Rob Dibble, and Duane Ward are all attempting to stave off Father Time, and at the same time replace the departed Randy Myers as the Chicago closer...

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In the NFL: In case you haven't already heard, Deion Sanders has decided to stick to football for awhile. Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman said that Sanders could be one of the premier wide receivers in the game, which no doubt played a role in his decision not to play baseball this year... Larry Brown and Russell Maryland, two of the Cowboys key contributors on defense, have signed with the Raiders... Meanwhile, quarterback Neil O'Donnell, who will forever be linked with Brown, has visited the Jets, and will make two or three more visits. He hasn't ruled out the possibility of returning to the Steelers... Linebacker Bryan Cox, a native of East St. Louis, signed with the Chicago Bears... Barry Foster, the troubled running back who retired last season after a tryout with the Bengals, says he wants to return to the NFL. Foster says that he wasn't in shape last year, but wants another chance. "I feel good for the first time in a long time. I sat out the whole year and it did my body good."...

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In the NHL: Rangers' goalie Glenn Healy has filled in admirably for injured Mike Richter. In the 18 games that Richter has been absent, Healy has posted a 9-4-5 record with a 2.76 goals against average. Meanwhile, there's talk of the Rangers possibly pursuing a backup goalie such as Kelly Hrudey or Jon Casey, if the team decides that Richter's injury will keep him out longer than 2-3 weeks... Detroit is 24-2-2 at home this season... When they're ahead after two periods, the Avalanche are 27-0-3...

Conts champions with a splash

Swimmers stroke to 2nd straight state championship

By Mark Granovsky '98
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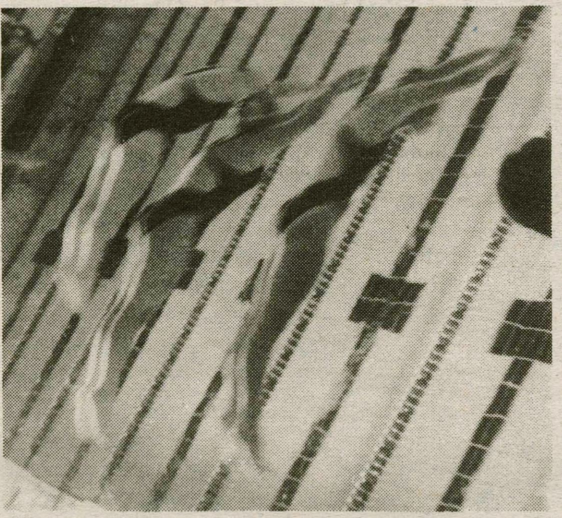
Long live the Ladies! The women's swim team won the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship last weekend at home. The Continentals entered the tournament with a stellar 5-1 record. The victory marked the second consecutive year that the team has won the NYSWCAA championship.

The tournament brought fifteen teams to Hamilton to compete. Despite trailing Hartwick by 35 points after the first day, Hamilton returned with a vengeance. The Continentals outpaced everyone for the remainder of the tournament, while accumulating an unthinkable 1419 points. Hartwick finished second with a solid 1317. Ithaca finished third with 1113.5 points. Union and William Smith rounded out the top five, with 1061 and 681.5 points, respectively. The sixteen team tournament also included teams such as St. Lawrence, Skidmore, Vassar, Alfred, Nazareth, and Wells.

Individual performances were astounding. Liz Sichol '96 swam the best of her career with wins in the 500 Free, 1650 Free, and a second place finish in the 200 Free. She set a record time of 5:05.27 in the 500 Free that met NCAA qualifying standards of "A." Her times of 17:47.74 in the 1650 and 1:55.73 in the 200 Free met "B" NCAA qualifications.

Wendy Marrs '97 won the 100 Butterfly with a time of 1:01.11 and finished second in the 50 Free with a "B" cut time of 24.89. Cathlyn Lang '99 finished second in the 200 IM and 400 IM. She also won the 200 Butterfly with a time of 2:12.60. Maura Gorman '98 and Lisa Horner '98 finished second in the 100 Back and 200 Breast respectively. Other successful Hamilton teams include the 200 IM (1:52.48), 400 IM (4:05.96), and 200 Free (1:40.70). Marianne Steen '97 and Leslie Allen '97 made significant contributions to the team during these free relays.



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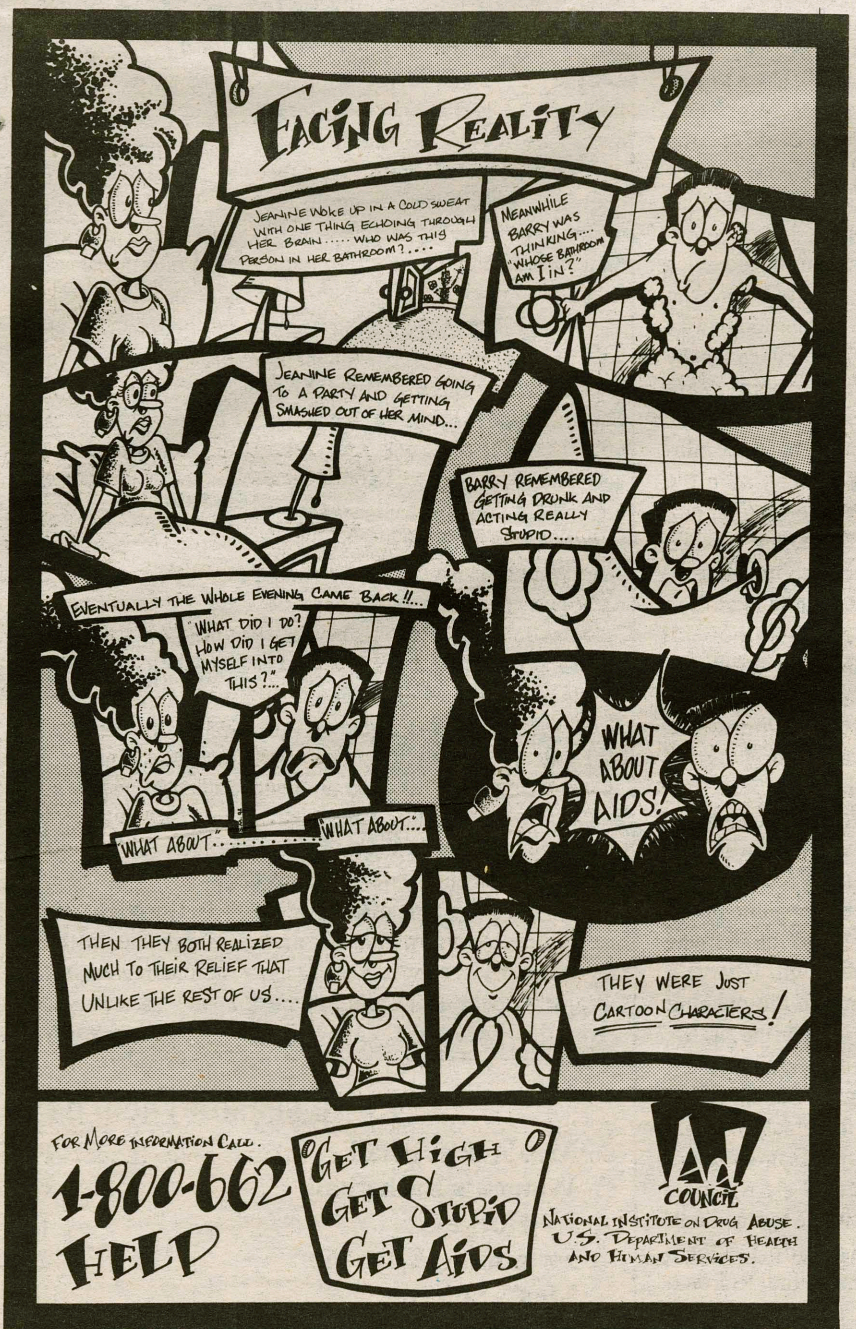
The Lady Continentals won the NY State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Swimming Championships for the second consecutive year

There were also standouts at other colleges. Senior Jennifer Allaire of the Union Dutchmen recorded a time of 4:42.14 for first in the 400 IM. First-year Renee Helbock of the Ithaca Bombers set an NCAA "A" qualification with a time of 1:54.18 in the 200 Free. Ithaca also had winners in first-year Renee Helbok (1:54.18 in 200 Free), first-year Julie Steele (1:07.78 in 100 Breast), and Junior Cece Buchanan third in the 400 IM. One of the most exciting races is the 800 Free Relay that was won by Ithaca with a time of 8:00.09. Hamilton finished third with a 8:10.76 time in the relay. Junior Amy Rowe of Hartwick finished second to Sichol in the 1650 Freestyle.

The tournament was the highlight of an outstanding year for the women's swim team. Amherst College was the only blemish in an otherwise perfect year. One of the most impressive victories for the Continentals was a decisive win over the Wesleyan Cardinals 146-93 in January. Liz Sichol won the 1650, 200, and 500 freestyles; Wendy Marrs won her 50 and 100 freestyles. Sarah Schwartz '99 also won the 200 butterfly. These victories would foreshadow even better things to come.

The men's swim team goes to Rensselaer this weekend to compete in their state tournament. Their record stands at 4-2.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Squash preps for Nationals

Blanks Bard and Colgate 9-0

By Zane Murdock '99
SPORTS STAFF

The men's squash team has finally boosted their success on the courts during their past several matches. The team's prosperity during the month of January turned out to be as cold as the weather in which the team consistently faced nationally ranked opponents. The club could pull out only one victory against a strong Columbia team. With a big win, however, over Vassar on February 11th, during one of Hamilton's few home matches, and a strong showing at State Tournament at Vassar this past weekend, the squad's expectations have heightened for the National Tournament this weekend at Yale.

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Coach Scott Smith commented, "We are definitely playing our best squash all year right now which puts us in good shape for the nationals. The middle of the order, compromised of Macrae Sykes '96, Ware Sykes '99, Steven Keyes-Grevelis '99, and Styoko Nikolov '96 who currently holds a five game winning streak, has really picked up their playing level and they have kept us in all of our recent matches. The team has definitely improved and our closer results show this."

At the State Tournament the team lost a tight 5-4 match to 15th ranked Cornell and fell short to Vassar 6-3 and Columbia 5-4. They assured themselves a high ranking in the state with a 9-0 blanking of Bard. On this past Wednesday the team prepared themselves for the nationals with a 9-0 win at Colgate.

This weekend at Yale the crew will probably face Air Force, Columbia, Tufts, and another fourth opponent. Mark Mijangos '97, Avery Cook '97, and Doug Prezzano '97 will play in the top three spots with Fedor Smith '99, Owen Grant '98, and Jon Teaford '96 rounding out the rest of the competing players. The team anticipates a productive weekend and Captain Macrae Sykes "expects big four wins so that the team can bring home some hardware."

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO

Squash beat both Bard and Colgate 9-0

Conts need more than Moran

Despite .500 record hoopsters reach postseason

By Jeff Goralnick '98
SPORTS STAFF

Last weekend, the Hamilton women's basketball team received both good news and bad news. The good news was that despite an 11-11 season, they were able to achieve their season goal: make it into postseason play. The Lady Continentals were able to place eighth, winning themselves a berth in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, which began on Wednesday.

Then came the bad news: The Continentals were unable to end their regular season on a winning note, and came home from their weekend road trip with two losses. Against Clarkson on Friday the Continentals nearly had the win. The offense, however, of the Lady Golden Knights was too much for the Continentals to overcome, despite the valiant effort. The Continentals lost by a score of 65-58, although Jen Moran '99 nearly had a double-double with 18 points, nine rebounds, and six assists. Beth Petrusa '96 was able to dump in 15 points for the Continentals.

Saturday did not prove to be no easier for the Lady Continentals as they travelled to take on the St. Lawrence Lady Saints. In this last game of the regular season, the Lady Continentals were unable to walk away with the win, and lost a close game 73-66. Despite the loss, however, many of Hamilton's players had terrific nights. Kristin Pabis '97 tied her career high with 20 points. Ashley Merrimen had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds, while Beth Petrusa and Jen Moran combined for 27 points. Moran finished the season as Hamilton's top scorer. Over 24 games, she was able to contribute 334 points, an average of about 14 points per game.

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Continentals skating on thin ice in race for playoff berth

Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF

The Hamilton Continentals finally got the shot in the arm they needed with three consecutive victories, including a weekend sweep of A.I.C. and UConn to boost themselves into the driver's seat in the ECAC playoff race. The Continentals now control their own destiny: win and they are in. With two wins, as well as help from the outside, Hamilton could go as far up in the rankings to acquire a home seed in the postseason. A split will result in a Continental road game, while two losses may make the out-of-town scoreboard of utmost importance. Hamilton stands at 12-8-1 through 21 games.

Hamilton has been an offensive juggernaut recently, scoring at least eight goals in five of the previous six games. The explosion continued last Friday as the Continentals hosted American International College in the third of a five game homestand. Hamilton jumped on the board quickly as defenseman John Whitwell '98 scored his second goal of the season just 1:14 into the first period. A.I.C. responded with a power play goal 5:49 to tie the score, before Brian Guastella '98 put the Continentals ahead with a score of his own with eight minutes. The back and forth first period continued as A.I.C.'s Chris Mikula tied the game at two with 3:30 to go in the opening frame.

Hamilton exploded in the second period, outscoring A.I.C. 5-1 in the middle twenty minutes. Sean Brady '96, Darren Johnston '99, Zach Sweetland '99, Dave Webb '98, and Lloyd Polanish '96 all added tallies to increase the lead to 7-3 after forty minutes.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Hamilton Hockey strengthened their playoff chances with three consecutive victories

John Forbes '96 added the only score of the third period, picking up his fifth goal of the year to cap the 8-3 win. Kendall Brook '96 making his fifth consecutive start, turned sixteen shots aside and evened his record at 4-4-1.

Saturday's game should have been a more even match-up with the Huskies of Connecticut visiting the Sage. UConn, last year, ripped through the Continentals in the ECAC quarterfinal by the count of 9-4. Hamilton would have their revenge.

In a contest that resembled the bleachers at an English soccer game, UConn was assessed an amazing 84 minutes in penalties, including four ten minute misconducts for unsportsmanlike play. The Continentals capitalized on three of those penalties to aid the 8-2 win.

UConn got on the scoreboard first with a Jon Dunmar goal with just over three minutes expired. Then the flood gates opened. Hamilton scored six unanswered goals to stake themselves to an insurmountable lead. Bradley, Brady, and Whitwell would score single tallies and Polanish would add two before UConn's Dan Sheehan stopped the bleeding almost midway through the third period.

Robb Rigg '99 and Brian Green '96 would conclude the scoring. Green launching into a sharpshooter celebration dance after the final goal. Brook turned aside 21 of 23 shots in helping the Continentals up their record to 10-6 in the ECAC East. Gary Heenan '97 picked up three assists to move his point total to sixteen.

Hamilton hosted Hobart in a rescheduled contest on Tuesday evening. The game was to be played a week ago at Hobart, but extreme cold left Hobart's outside rink an ill-advised host. The relocation could not have hurt the Continentals as they shot all over the ice in a 12-4 blowout.

Johnston, Rigg, Green, and Sweetland each had a pair of goals, while single markers were scored by Whitwell, Joe Baudo '97, Trevor MacArthur '99, and Bradley. Green and Bradley each had three assists as did linemate Sean Brady. Jake Deboever '99, making his fifth start in goal turned away nine shots in the effort. In the win, Green picked up his 100 career point with an assist on Jeff Bradley's goal at 6:55 of the second period. Brady is only five points off the coveted mark.

This weekend the team travels to New England to face Connecticut College on Friday and Holy Cross on Saturday.

Mrozienski no average Joe as hoopsters score three wins

By Greg Nussbaum '98
SPORTS STAFF

Last Friday, the Continentals bounced back from a winless week, to bludgeon Clarkson 88-66. For the second time this year, the Continentals had no problems with their Potsdam, N.Y. counterpart. In a game where Hamilton mercilessly exploited the weak Clarkson defense, it seemed like Hamilton could score at will. Not only did the Continentals shoot 59% from the field for the game, they also lit Clarkson up, by drilling 50 % of their three point attempts. Bill Newman '97 was the high man for Hamilton with 17 points. In addition to Newman, five other Continentals registered double digits. Scott Pace '96, was perfect on the night, making all five of his attempts from the field, as well as both free throws for 12. Forwards Kevin Larson '97, and Mike Schantz '99 each scored 13 points, Larson on 6 of 8 from the field. Joe Mrozienski '96, also scored 13 on 6 of 8 shooting while collecting 7 rebounds. Kevin Thorpe '98 contributed with 10 points and 4 assists. Dan Weier led Clarkson with 14, while former Continental Brian Noble scored 11.

On Saturday, the Continentals continued on their quest to secure a spot in the NCAA division III tournament, by trampling yet another New York state rival, St. Lawrence, 85-71. Ranked 7th in the east, and 17-8 on the season, St. Lawrence seemed to be a formidable opponent. Unfortunately for the home crowd in Canton, the Continentals proved too solid. Joe Mrozienski played a memorable game, scoring 24 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, both team highs. Although St. Lawrence outshot Hamilton and outrebounded them, the combination of Mrozienski, Shantz, and Paul Rava '97 proved to be the right formula for victory. Kevin Thorpe and Scott Pace each contributed 11 from the backcourt, while Hamilton's leading scorer per minutes played, Bill Newman chipped in with 13.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Hamilton great Joe Mrozienski with his parents on Senior Day`

On Tuesday, Hamilton traveled east to SUNY Utica, to battle an underrated squad. In front of a crowd blessed with the presence of the Continental faithful, Hamilton, in a competitive game, pulled off the victory 72-66. Utica played extremely well, and in fact were leading at various points during the first half. Utica's defense was nothing short of tenacious as they held Hamilton to 29% shooting from the field. Utica also capitalized on sloppy Continental ballhandling in the first half, seemingly taking the ball away from Hamilton players. In all, Utica caused 12 turnovers. Unfortunately for Utica, their barbarian defense could not stop Joe Mrozienski. Mrozienski was once again the difference, netting 25 points and grabbing 19 rebounds. Mrozienski outplayed Utica center James Wilson, who scored 15 points and had 16 rebounds. Scott Pace ran the show from the point guard position scoring 15 points and playing all but three minutes. Mike Schantz, in the midst of a shooting slump, played well, scoring 12 while 6 of his 9 rebounds were offensive. While Hamilton only shot 29% from the field, Utica faired no better, shooting 30 % from the field, 19% from three, which included several wide open shots that were missed.

Hamilton travels to Geneva, New York, to battle the Hobart States man in their most important game of the year. If Hamilton defeats Hobart, they will receive a home game in the opening round of the east bracket in the NCAA tournament. Hamilton had defeated Hobart convincingly twice this year, but it is not easy to defeat the same team three times in the same season. If Hamilton loses they are not even guaranteed a spot in the tournament, although their 15-8 record places them as the third seed, behind RIT and RPI, whom they split with, if the playoffs were today. The parings for the opening round of the tournament will be announced this Sunday.

Conts bag Black Bears

By Jason Santarcangelo '98
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When the dust had settled and the ice resurfaced, the women's hockey team had again split a weekend series. It was the same scenario as in past weeks: Hamilton wins the opening game, this time against a tough University of Maine squad, then falls on Sunday to a dominant Bowdoin team.

Bowdoin held a slim 1-0 lead through two periods thanks to the stellar play of junior Isabel Roberts '97 between the pipes. It was not until the third period was well under way that Bowdoin was able to put the nails in the coffin. It seemed as if the Continentals just ran out of gas, the consecutive games had finally gotten to them. Roberts made 31 saves on the day keeping her save percentage above .900. Roberts stands tall in front of the twine with a 3.16 goals against average and .911 save percentage.

The Continentals raged in Sage, the night before beating a stubborn University of Maine Black Bear team. After travelling over ten hours to get to Sage, the Black Bears were determined to put up a fight and that they did. They clawed their way through two periods and found themselves tied with the Continentals. Roberts again was keeping Hamilton in the game. She would wind up making 36 saves throughout the course of the game. It was early in the third stanza when Amy Williams '99 was able to slip one past the Black Bear keeper and give Hamilton the lead. It would be short lived as the Black Bears responded scoring their first goal of the game. Tucky Ridder '98 found the twine and put the Conts up for good. Ridder would add an insurance goal with 25 ticks left on the clock after Williams and Sara Begg '97 moved the puck quickly ahead.

The weekend split leaves the Continentals with a 7-8 overall record and two tough home games ahead. "We accomplished what we needed to over the weekend, sure we would have loved to win both. But we are continuing to gain respect throughout the Alliance," noted head coach Kelly McElroy. For the Continentals they will face off against the University of Vermont Catamounts at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Catamounts beat the Conts 2-1 in a barn burner three weeks ago in the Gutterson Field House on the Campus of UVM. Then on Sunday, their final home game of the year, the Continentals will square off against the undefeated Middlebury Panthers at noon. The Panthers dominated the game last time and won 5-0.

1995-96 season records

Men's Basketball	**14-8**
Women's Basketball	**11-13**
Ice Hockey	**12-8-1**
Swimming & Diving	**4-2/5-1**
Men's Squash	**3-9 (as of 2/8)**
Women's Squash	**4-14**
Track & Field	**4-2/2-4**